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Just 7% of voters, mostly white and under 30, pick Israel-hating radicals to represent Dems

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College-educated young progressives rallied behind candidates like Darializa Avila Chevalier — an Israel- and cop-hating radical — as a sliver of the New York electorate nominated her and other radicals for Congress. Democratic leaders are in panic mode.

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Americans need more money than ever to retire comfortably, but a shocking majority of senior citizens have just a fraction of the recommended savings.

Savings of at least $1.46 million are recommended for a comfortable retirement, according to Northwestern Mutual's 2026 financial-planning study.

But most Americans between 65 and 74 years old had just about $200,000 in retirement accounts, a 2022 federal consumer-finances survey found.

That's just 13% of the recommended retirement savings, a shocking figure reinforced by a 2026 Planning & Progress Study that found almost half of Americans don't think they're going to have enough saved away for retirement.

Another 48% feel their retirement savings are likely to run out before they die.

Alex Oliveira

Rush to live in Newark

Newark, Newark — it's a helluva town.

Indeed, the transit-connected New Jersey city located mere minutes from Midtown just ranked as the most competitive housing market in the nation, a spring-market report from Redfin showed. For years, Newark has had a rough reputation, but 2025 saw violent crime fall by 19% and murders at a historic low of 31, according to reports.

Nearly three in five homes sold above ask in May — the highest share of the country's 50-most-populous metros.

Long Island's Nassau County ranked as the nation's fourth-most-competitive market. *Zachary Kussin*

FDNY'S HOTTEST

A 'Bravest' calendar to light your fire

SPARKS: Above, rescue medic Giovanni Cummings is Miss April and Battalion Chief Kevin White at age 55 is the oldest to be featured in the latest calendar. At right, Christinna Manno is Miss June and Valeri Makarets is Mister May.

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By DAVID DeTURRIS and KATHERINE DONLEVY

This is a certified smokeshow.

The FDNY released its steamy annual calendar Wednesday, and New York's Hottest models heated up Midtown with an appearance that drew a crowd larger than a three-alarm fire.

Gaping gawkers swarmed the FDNY Fire Zone to get their hands on a copy of the newly unveiled 2027 Calendar of Heroes and feast their eyes on the male and female FDNY bravest featured in its pages.

"We were very lucky to be passing by," said Elizabeth Trimarche, of the Jersey Shore, saying the firefighters are "dear to me."

"My sister-in-law's brother is a firefighter chief in Brooklyn. We both love the firefighters. And they're very handsome!"

The meet-and-greet marked the official unveiling of the 2027 calendar, which features one version with male pinups and another with women.

The 24 firefighters, paramedics and EMTs were all smiles and muscles as they doled out signed copies of the $25 items, the proceeds of which go towards the nonprofit FDNY Foundation.

'Highlight fitness'

"It's an absolute honor that we can highlight fitness and wellness as a part of the overall daily aspects of our FDNY lives. It's really important," gushed Giovanni Cummings, who appears on the April page of the women's issue wearing an FDNY tank top and a rescue medic helmet stashed under her arm.

"As a rescue medic, we're dealing with the mental and the physical. We're the ones firefighters call when they're down. We have to be the ones to have mental agility as well as physical, and my practice helps me to be that person," said Cummings, a rescue medic at Station 32.

Also heating up the calendar is Mr. May, EMS Lt. at Battalion 58 Veleri Makaret, who showed off his chiseled chest beneath his uniform suspenders.

Battalion Chief Kevin White is the oldest to be featured in next year's calendar at 55 years old, and proudly appeared shirtless as the March cover boy.

"I think I'm the only one here who had to shave some gray chest hair," White said.

LEFTIES' YOUNG

Radicals run the 'asylum'

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CHUCK ROAST: The National Republican Congressional Committee leaves "condolence flowers" for Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (below) after the DSA upset.

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Zo's wins rattle DC Dems

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — Democratic congressional leaders downplayed wins for Mayor Mamdani's handpicked challengers in primary races Tuesday, as moderates clamored for results to be a wake-up call for the party establishment.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) claimed the elections showed "a great united party," and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) touted his "great working relationship" with Mamdani, while stressing there was still some "work to do" in easing tensions with congressional Democrats.

"We're seeing tremendous energy from all different areas of our party. You're seeing centrist energy in Virginia, Iowa, and NJ. Progressive energy in NYC," Schumer told The Post. "We're going to harness it all to win in November. Because all Democrats are united in the mission to take back the Senate and defeat Trump."

But moderate Democratic lawmakers and sources sounded the alarm Wednesday that the Big Apple's takeover by Mamdani's socialist allies in deep-blue district races spelled trouble for their party — especially in its antagonism toward Israel — as well as Schumer and Jeffries' leadership positions.

'The anti-Israel party'

"They will continue to intensify their anti-Israel rhetoric and votes," said Sen. John Fetterman (D-Pa.), one of the most pro-Israel Democrats in the upper chamber. "The Democratic Party essentially has become the anti-Israel party."

"AOC is now a moderate compared to these wackjobs. The lunatics have taken over the asylum," one staffer erupted. "Us normie Democrats need to stop being such f--king pussies. This is the Reichstag moment."

It was another wake-up call for Schumer after his recruit for Maine Senate, moderate Gov. Janet Mills, fizzled out against Bernie Sanders-endorsed Graham Platner in a Senate Democratic primary earlier this month.

"Anyone who smells like the old guard, who told us Joe Biden was fine, is vulnerable, Schumer included," said another Democratic campaign operative of the Senate minority leader's chances at re-election in 2028.

A second New York Democratic campaign insider disputed this, saying that Schumer and Jeffries were both "survivors" and "on their worst days . . . still formidable."

"They know how to fight for New York," this insider said. "That's hard to beat when the alternative is someone who might hate cops or property ownership."

Valdez supporters still chanted "you're next" when the House Democratic leader appeared on TV screens during a watch party Tuesday night.

The Dem staffer said the DSA wins didn't entirely matter for a statewide race like Schumer's, but he still faced "a real tough road to run again."

By CARL CAMPANILE, NICOLE ROSENTHAL and MATT TROUTMAN

Zo's red wedding was small, but a bloodbath nonetheless.

Just 7% of active voters supported Mayor Mamdani's radical ally Darializa Avila Chevalier over establishment Democratic Rep. Adriano Espaillat in Tuesday's main event primary, data shows.

The overall low turnout — roughly 17% of Democratic voters citywide — came as Avila Chevalier and two other Mamdani-backed House primary winners captured a mix of high-earning, young, white and black voters, analysts found.

Insiders also credited the Democratic Socialists of America's formidable field operations for turning out voters who'd back Mamdani's preferred candidates — setting the stage for a potential party takeover by the DSA.

"This was the red wedding and the victims of the red wedding were the Democrats," said JC Polanco, a political analyst and professor at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in The Bronx.

'They've taken over'

"It's a hostile takeover by the Democratic Socialists of America who have demonstrated that they have the organization to win primaries where there is no voter turnout," Polanco told The Post on Wednesday. "In some of these districts nobody votes . . . and the Democratic Socialists of America come in and win. They've taken over the party locally."

The wins by Mamdani's candidates ultimately came from small slivers of the city's approximately 3 million active Democratic voters, data shows.

Avila Chevalier drew roughly 33,000 votes from 449,000 active voters in New York's 13th Congressional District covering much of upper Manhattan, including Harlem, and a swath of The Bronx, election data shows.

"Last night's big wins for Mamdani-backed candidates were driven by young college grads, often at odds with the party's traditional working-class & minority base," Steve Rattner, an economic analyst, posted on X.

FUTURE VOTER

AP Photo/Seth Wenig

PARTY PEOPLE: Supporters celebrate Tuesday's primary victory for Mayor Mamdani-backed House candidate Darializa Avila Chevalier, who ousted five-term uptown Rep. Adriano Espaillat.

The district is predominantly Hispanic and black, with respectively 52% and 23% of residents, according to US Census data. Some 28% of residents have college degrees and the typical household income is $52,000 a year.

Avila Chevalier swept white voters — 68% to Espaillat's 39%, according to VoteHub, a nonpartisan media organization. White residents represent just 15% of the district, Census data shows.

The community organizer and doctoral candidate also won 55% of the vote in heavily black precincts, compared to her opponent's 45%, VoteHub found.

Insiders pointed out Espaillat, the first formerly undocumented member of Congress and first Dominican-American, had drawn on the district's large Hispanic population over his five terms.

DEMOGRAPHIC

DSA pols seize low turnout districts

But he had a strained relationship with Harlem's black establishment. He alienated many of black voters with his past challenges against longtime Rep. Charles Rangel, said Harlem power broker Keith Wright.

'Commie Corridor'

"Espaillat's support in the black community was very soft," he said. "Democrats voted for change."

Wright noted his son Jordanm, who is not part of the DSA, prevailed in his bid to keep his state Assembly seat in Central Harlem.

The 70th Assembly District — known as Black Harlem — saw Avila Chevalier receive 7,700 votes to 5,500 for Espaillat.

Espaillat only won one uptown district — his power base in Washington Heights — but only by 6,900 to 5,700 votes.

Mamdani-backed DSA diehard Claire Valdez's win also came from a small group — roughly 38,000 votes out of 456,000 active total voters in the 7th Congressional District, or 8.24% of the voting public, data shows.

Despite her opponent, progressive Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, faring well among the Satmar Hasidic community, Valdez outperformed him among white and Hispanic voters.

She also captured higher-income voters in the affluent district that covers part of the "Commie Corridor" in Williamsburg and Greenpoint in Brooklyn and Astoria and Long Island City in Queens. White people account for 37% of residents, followed by 36% Hispanic, 13% Asian and 10% black, according to the US Census.

Ground game

Former city Comptroller Brad Lander's blowout victory over Rep. Dan Goldman in the 10th Congressional District saw large margins from nearly every demographic group, VoteHub found.

Lander, a former City Council member, was a political fixture in Park Slope and Sunset Park in Brooklyn. The seat, which also covers the Financial District and Greenwich Village, is 49% white, with a typical household income of $120,000 and well-educated, according to US Census data.

The DSA's ground game shouldn't be discounted, said Alex Camarda, senior policy adviser at Reinvent Albany.

Traditional Democrats, as well as Republicans, don't seem to excite young people or bring new voters into their party, he said.

"I think the DSA's support has . . . been successful in inviting people in and volunteering and getting behind their candidates. In the same way people go see certain shows or movies, they do it at the suggestion of their friends," he said.

Additional reporting by Haley Brown and Hannah Fierick

Hochul's picks take a beating

She got buffaloed.

Gov. Hochul-backed candidates largely got slaughtered in Tuesday's primaries by a murderers' row of Democratic Socialists of America insurgents — raising questions over how much political sway she holds after selling out to Mayor Mamdani and his "tax the rich" comrades.

On primary day, Hochul was notably checked out — sprawled on the grass of the new Buffalo Bills stadium, hobnobbing with the team's billionaire owner, Terry Pegula, instead of hitting the campaign trail.

"She controls the levers of government, the state party infrastructure and has a proven ability to win statewide. But Mamdani has demonstrated that there is growing political value in being perceived as an outsider willing to take on the establishment," former Democratic state Sen. David Carlucci told The Post.

The moderate Hochul — who symbolically leads the state Democratic Party and controls a vast and powerful fundraising network — formed a tenuous political alliance with the socialist Mamdani after his meteoric rise in last year's mayoral election.

But Mamdani has done little-to-nothing to back Hochul's preferred candidates. He instead endorsed a slate of DSA and progressive congressional and state Legislature candidates in opposition to Hochul's picks, who floundered in Tuesday's primaries.

Not only did high-profile Hochul picks such as Reps. Dan Goldman and Adriano Espaillat lose to Mamdani-backed candidates, but even the candidate she endorsed for her home Assembly district in Buffalo — Karen Hoak — lost to the DSA's Adam Bojak.

"The pendulum is swinging so hard, it has broken free from the clock," Hudson Valley state Sen. Jim Skoufis (D-Orange) posted on X.

Vaughn Golden

Jewish appeasers selling out their own

YAEL BAR TUR

THE old saying goes that an appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile hoping it will eat him last.

When it comes to progressive Jews and the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America), the well-fed crocodiles are just about ready for dessert.

I've been watching this strategy of inclusion of hateful actors by Jewish groups and politicians play out since I came to the US almost 20 years ago from Israel.

As someone who always believed in freedom, peace and equality, I imagined I'd find a home on the American left.

Imagine my confusion when I learned that in many circles, being a liberal in good standing meant denouncing the only democracy in the Middle East, staying quiet in the face of racism and violence directed at my community from other minority groups, and all but a pledge to agree that, sure, synagogues are being fire-bombed and Jews threatened every day, but don't let the statistics confuse you — it's only real antisemitism if it comes from the MAGA-hat region.

I have yet to encounter a club where turning my back to the truth was worth the price of admission.

Lander's blind eye

So my confusion turned to rage over the years as I saw fellow Jews align themselves with people who openly and proudly spread hateful propaganda and support violence against the Jewish community.

Many cloaked these partnerships in the language of "allyship," patting themselves on the back for being open-minded enough to have conversations with those who disagree with them.

But at what point do you close the flaps of the "big tent" of Jewish thought to those who are trying to destroy it from within?

Brad Lander, who less than a year ago still considered himself a Zionist, was happy to trade in his dignity for Instagram likes, embracing the lie of a genocide in Gaza, and posing happily in campaign ads alongside Darializa Avila Chevalier, who chose to celebrate the massacre of Oct. 7 in Times Square as Israeli mothers were still frantically searching for their missing and murdered children, among them several Americans and New Yorkers.

They may not see eye to eye on political issues like whether Lander's friends in Israel deserve to live or not, but hey — we can agree to disagree, right?

Other politicians and activists practically trip over themselves to virtue-signal their standing as "Good Jews."

They are quick to publicly scold Israel (a country that, despite the antisemites' claims, is still not part of America) every time a dubious story spreads on social media, while remaining silent on more "controversial" topics like a growing number of hate crimes and attacks on visible Jews in our own backyard.

Many of them mean well, thinking that an outstretched hand will be rewarded not by increased violence but by similar introspection from the other side.

Some may be caught up in the moment as reflected to them from the screens of their phones, swept up in blood-libels condensed into heart-tugging videos and neat graphics.

Can't play dumb

And others do so purely to gain access to power or remain welcome in the leftist club, choosing to cynically position themselves as a useful fig leaf.

But at the end of the day, when you choose to link arms with people sporting Hamas headbands, it doesn't really matter what kind of wrong you are. You may remain relevant with the kids on social media and even win an election or two — for now.

But make no mistake, those in your new club know exactly where you stand, just like they know exactly what "Globalize the Intifada" means.

Because when people show you who they are, believe them. And when they say all the hateful, anti-American and anti-Jewish words out loud, ignorance is no longer a valid excuse.

Politicians used to hide their disdain for Jews, not use it as a platform.

And the moment turns even darker as we learn that some of our Jewish representatives have chosen a few extra votes and likes in exchange for a good night's sleep.

At least now we know.

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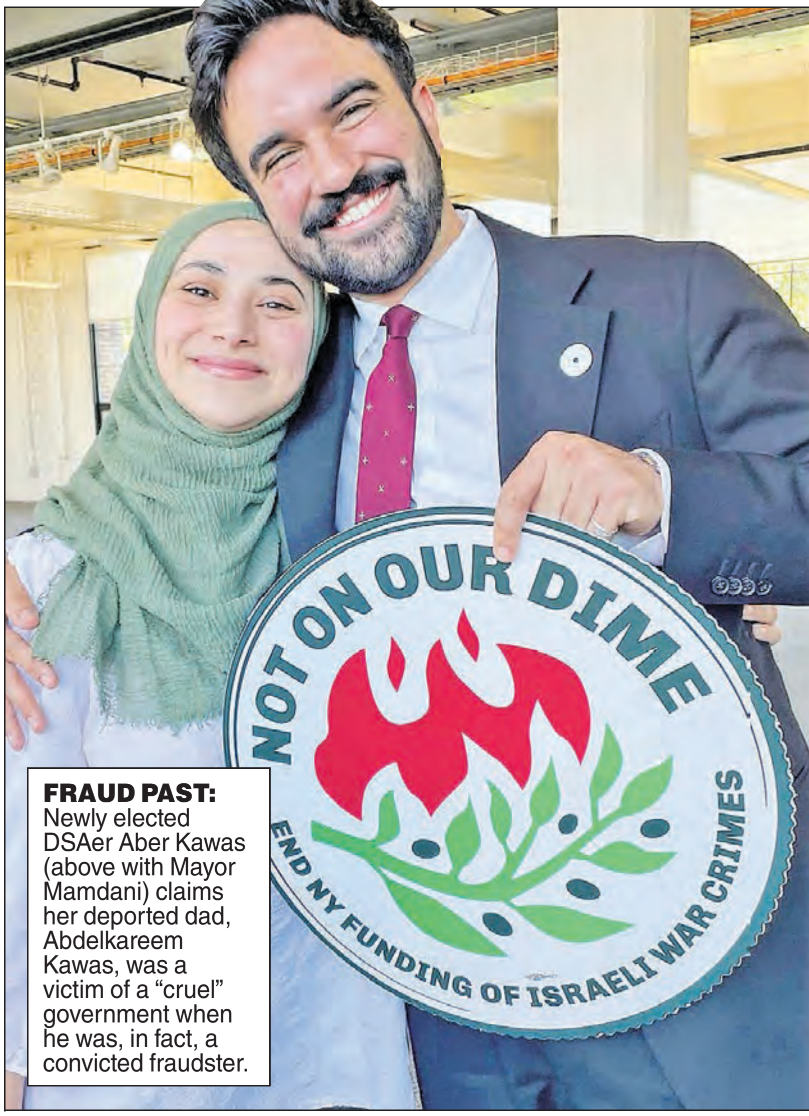
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END NY FUNDING OF ISRAELI WAR CRIMES

Instagram/aberkawas

FRAUD PAST: Newly elected DSAer Aber Kawas (above with Mayor Mamdani) claims her deported dad, Abdelkareem Kawas, was a victim of a "cruel" government when he was, in fact, a convicted fraudster.

By MARY K. JACOB

Aber Kawas, a Palestinian-American activist and Democratic Socialist who won her race for state Senate District 12 in Queens on Tuesday night, has exploited her father's deportation from the United States for her own gain for over a decade — claiming he was a victim of anti-Muslim bias and government cruelty.

Court records suggest she left out the most important part — that he was a convicted criminal.

The Post has uncovered that Abdelkareem Kawas, a Jordanian national, arrived in the country in 1989 on a tourist visa and never left. He was then convicted of felony fraud in two separate states before federal authorities removed him from the country.

On the campaign trail, Kawas described watching her mother speak to her father through a pane of glass at a detention facility, recalled three-hour bus rides to visit him as a child and pointed to his deportation as proof that America's immigration system is broken and cruel.

Court records obtained by The Post show Kawas was found guilty in 1995 at the Richmond City Circuit Court in Virginia of making a false statement, a felony offense carrying a maximum sentence of five years.

Deported under Bush

A decade later, he was indicted in Bergen County, NJ, on charges of theft by deception involving the false inflation of property values between $500 and $74,999, the records also show. He pleaded guilty in August 2006 and was sentenced that October to three years in state prison.

Her father was released early, having only served a year and a few months.

His immigration case wound

a deported criminal

DAD'S REAL PAST REVEALED

#FREETHEDAD
AbdelKareem Kawas
MR. KAWAS WAS DEPORTED TO JORDAN IN 2006 WHEN ABER, DAUGHTER, WAS IN HER JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.
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through the courts for years. A federal immigration judge initially ordered him removed after he failed to appear at a 2004 hearing.

He sought cancellation of removal and a hardship waiver, arguing his deportation would cause extreme suffering to his American family. Those appeals failed.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit denied his final petition for review in December 2008, finding his due process arguments unpersuasive and his legal claims without merit.

He was deported to Jordan under the Bush administration, not under President Trump, whose immigration enforcement Kawas has repeatedly invoked on the campaign trail as a parallel to her own family's experience.

On her campaign website, Kawas wrote her father "was detained by ICE and deported from the US by the same cruel immigration system that is harming the people of Queens today."

In an interview with Jacobin, she said, "When I was in seventh grade, my dad was picked up by ICE; he was held in immigration detention for three years and eventually deported. It was very formative for me to go visit him every week in prisons in New York City and detention centers around New Jersey."

'Proud' of dad

She did not mention his criminal convictions in either account.

In a candidate questionnaire, Kawas acknowledged her father's repeated incarcerations without elaborating on the underlying offenses.

"As a child of someone who has been incarcerated multiple times, this is deeply personal to me as my visits to my father were a lifeline to maintain our family structure," she wrote.

When reached for comment, Kawas' campaign said she was "incredibly proud" of her father and said she had always been open about her family's "experience with ICE" and the justice system — but did not mention her father's two felony charges.

"Our campaign's landslide victory today shows that the people of Queens are ready for a new kind of politics — one that does not discriminate against immigrants or Muslims, and does not stigmatize people who have been targeted by ICE — but instead centers dignity and affordability for all," the statement reads.

The Post reached out to the Bergen County Superior Court and Richmond City Circuit Court for the underlying complaints and indictments in both cases.

Kawas, who retweeted an account on X that wrote, "Palestine was on the ballot" on Tuesday morning, won her election with 58.33% of the vote.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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Joined the 2024 Columbia riots

By CHRIS NESI

Mamdani-backed socialist Democrat Darializa Avila Chevalier, the likely next congresswoman from New York's 13th District, was part of the 2024 campus takeover at Columbia University and a key player in a radical anti-Israel group that once declared it was "fighting for the total eradication of Western civilization."

Chevalier, 32, (above in 2024) who joined Students for Justice in Palestine in 2014 after a summer internship in the West Bank city of Nablus, co-founded Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD), a campaign aimed at coercing the Ivy League school to cut financial ties with Israel, according to multiple reports.

CUAD led the charge in the disruptive tent encampment protests that took over the school's Morningside Heights campus in 2024.

She told The Associated Press at the time that they were "beautiful," wearing a keffiyeh scarf draped over a T-shirt bearing the name of the group, which was permanently barred from campus after the takeover.

"I've done a lot of community organizing, but when students were asking for support, I'm still connected with the alumni network, so I'm very happy to support any time they need me," the Columbia alumna told a reporter.

She talked up the organization of the encampment, which stretched for weeks in the spring of 2024 before police finally stormed the campus and arrested members of a pro-terror mob.

"They really are prioritizing one another's safety, ensuring all of their needs are met in terms of health and security and protecting one another from doxxing and all of those worries," she said.

The protests resulted in numerous injuries and damage to campus buildings, and they created a climate of fear among Jewish students and faculty. More than 70 students were hit with lengthy suspensions in the wake of the takeover, and a handful were expelled.

Chevalier said, "The administration, [then-president Minouche] Shafik, could end this today by meeting the students' demands."

Her office did not respond to The Post's request for comment.

LAST LINE OF SANITY

GOP's stand vs. DSA

By MATTHEW FISCHETTI
and DAVID PROPPER

The three lefty, New York congressional candidates who triumphed in their hotly contested Democratic primaries Tuesday night will still need to beat GOP hopefuls in November to secure their House seats.

Republicans Melvin Rivera, Jennifer Moore and Jomo M. Williams will appear on the November general election ballots, even as their chances of winning are slim in the deep-blue districts where voters selected the trio backed by Mayor Mamdani over more moderate candidates.

■ Melvin Rivera, who will face DSA-backed Queens state Assemblywoman Claire Valdez in New York's Seventh House District race, has spent more than 30 years as a community activist and tenant organizer, according to his campaign website.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Rivera (top inset) was originally running as a write-in candidate in the Democratic primary, but has been endorsed by GOP clubs, his social media page shows.

■ Jennifer Moore, the Brooklyn GOP operative who said she is running to give voters a choice after ex-City Comptroller Brad Lander topped incumbent Rep. Dan Goldman in the primary for the 10th Congressional District. "The political earthquake last night of Brad Lander unseating an incumbent has infused interest in this race and my goal is to seize this opportunity and engage more support from voters registered to all parties who oppose Lander's radical ideology," Moore (middle) said in a statement to The Post.

■ Jomo M. Williams will take on radical lefty Darializa Avila Chevalier in the race for the 13th House District after having previously vied for and lost other elections in the Big Apple, including for City Council a few years ago. Williams (bottom) ran in 2021 on the Black Lives Matter Party line for a council seat, though he made clear at the time that he did not support defunding the police and was for "law and order," according to Our Town.

Bruce plea to Dems

Blake's offering a safe harbor from Zo's red wave.

Republican gubernatorial hopeful Bruce Blakeman decried the stunning socialist sweep by Zohran Mamdani-backed candidates during Tuesday's primaries, casting it as another failure of Gov. Hochul's leadership.

"The [Democratic] party has been taken over," the Nassau County executive told The Post Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm asking common-sense Democrats to join our cause to save New York from the socialist, anti-American communists and restore normalcy to our state," Blakeman said.

The wins showed Mamdani's influence over the Democratic Party writ large, and raised fears among establishment pols that his Democratic Socialists of America faction is gaining power.

"I've heard from many Democrats who believe, at this point, the only way for them to get their party back is for me to become governor," he said. *Brandon Cruz*

Time for NYC voters to

LIEL LEIBOVITZ

IF you're looking for a reason to feel even a touch hopeful after seeing the most radical Democrat Socialists sweep New York's Democratic primaries, consider the following number: Eight.

That, roughly, is the percentage of all residents in the 13th Congressional District that cast their votes this week, giving Darializa Avila Chevalier a commanding victory over the incumbent, Adriano Espaillat.

Remember that next time some breathless pundit tells you the Big Apple is turning full Commie red: the people who voted for Chevalier Tuesday are in the absolute minority.

And that is either very good or very bad news, depending on how you look at it.

The bad news first: the primaries show us, as if those of us who live here needed any more proof, that New Yorkers are very hard to impress.

Having the mayor call pro-Israel advocates "monsters" just this Sunday while saying nothing about Hamas apparently wasn't enough to propel people to get out and vote against his hand-picked choices.

In part it's because the candidates this year were, let's be honest, nobody's idea of exciting.

Silent majority slumbers

But in part it's because so many of us New Yorkers, bless us, live in fantasy land.

We remember a time, not too long ago, when the streets were safe and clean, and you didn't have to worry about getting stabbed on the subway by some maniac every time you took the train.

And we assume that New York is always going to be all right no matter who runs it, because hey, New York is magical and it's somehow bigger than the sum of its politicians.

It's not.

New York is a real city, and one that's very complex to govern.

And if left to nutjobs who say things like "I forgot to get napkins so I just wiped my hand on the American flag" (that would be Chevalier), it may soon crumble beyond repair.

This shouldn't be too hard for normal New Yorkers to comprehend.

LET'S GET RADICAL: Claire Valdez supporters can hardly contain

Which means we've got a massive silent majority on our hands still slumbering, still refusing to see the very real danger these hateful candidates pose.

Which brings us to another bit of bad news: No one seems ready, willing or able to organize this massive silent majority into a viable political force.

Not the Jewish community, the nation's largest, which for years has pretended like it could still wield some political influence even as the only party they considered supporting, the Democrats, turned increasingly more hostile.

Not the Republicans, who have continuously failed to produce attractive, viable candidates that could at least give a voice to people's frustrations the way Spencer Pratt did in Los Angeles before he was trampled by the Democratic Party machine.

And that, hallelujah, is very *good* news.

Generational opportunity

Why? Because it means we have a tremendous, generational opportunity to truly remake New York.

As this week's primaries make

fight back after socialist surge

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‘Hope and change’ to ‘We hate America’

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themselves during her primary watch party Tuesday. Valdez, a Mayor Mamdani ally, won the 7th Congressional District primary by more than 20 points.

clear, the winning strategy of the Democratic Party these days is singular and simple: We hate America. That’s it.

It’s no longer about pretending to care about the cost of housing, or immigration or even dunking on Trump.

It’s about parading around like third-worldist would-be revolutionaries and saying vile and vicious things about the flag, the country and the American way of life.

Rampant Jew-hatred is part and parcel of this approach: Knowing full well America is not the kind of benighted hellhole where refusing a Jew service at a coffee shop — as a Brooklyn establishment did recently to Dan Goldman, the sitting congressman who just lost his reelection bid to Mamdani crony Brad Lander — is tolerable, the radicals push for more performative bigotry to test the limits.

They want to let us know that they’re in control now, and that they hate us and everything we stand for.

And a looney strategy like that should still be plenty easy to defeat in America.

Which means that the Republicans, if they wise up, should have plenty to work with.

If the GOP goes on the offense locally, investing, say, in minority groups who are beginning to realize the catastrophe that is Mamdanistan, it could win big.

Time to mobilize

Rally up Hispanics who believe in family values, not radical laws requiring we refer to mothers as “gestating parents.”

Rally up Chinese landlords being squeezed by insane rent policies that rob them of the fruits of their labor.

Rally up black New Yorkers who refuse to see themselves as perpetual victims.

Rally up Jews who are no longer willing to walk into a coffee shop and wonder if they’ll soon be kicked out just for being who they are.

There’s a great, diverse coalition of fed-up folks out there.

Whoever figures out how to mobilize it is going to make New York City great again.

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Trump’s warning after red wipeout

President Trump predicted New York will “only get worse” after two socialist candidates backed by Mayor Mamdani won Democratic congressional primaries in the Big Apple Tuesday night.

“Many Communists running in badly failing Blue States,” Trump wrote on Truth Social. “The votes seem to have them doing quite well against each other. The bad news is that history has conclusively shown that the downtrodden States that they will soon be running will ONLY GET WORSE.”

Trump spoke out after state Assemblywoman Claire Valdez easily defeated Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso and — in the shock of the evening — former Mamdani campaign staffer Darializa Avila Chevalier knocked off five-term incumbent Adriano Espaillat, the leader of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

With Valdez and Chevalier running in heavily Democratic districts, Tuesday’s primaries amounted to a de facto general election, all but ensuring that the House of Representatives will have two more card-carrying members of the Democratic Socialists of America in their midst when the 120th Congress convenes in January.

Currently, Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) are the only two DSA members in Congress.

New York’s DSA branch also enjoyed a good night in state legislative primaries, with seven of its eight endorsed candidates on course to win and raise their numbers in Albany to 14 from nine.

Meanwhile, Mamdani secured his reputation as a kingmaker in city politics after former city Comptroller Brad Lander — another anti-Israel candidate — unseated Rep. Dan Goldman in New York’s 10th Congressional District by a margin of 2 to 1.

Samuel Chamberlain

Whole latte hate

Gregory P. Mango

DARK BLEND: A protest (right) outside a Jew-hating Brooklyn coffee shop was met by a countering anti-Israel demonstration (above).

Dueling protests at antisemitic coffee shop

By JORDAN DONEGAN
and CHRIS NESI

Dozens of protesters descended on a hate-mongering Brooklyn coffee shop Wednesday morning after it publicly vowed to refuse service to a pro-Israel politician and its owner's social media posts comparing Israel to Nazi Germany came to light.

They chanted "end Jew hatred" and "this shall not stand" as they were confronted by a smaller group of counter-protesters — many of them rabbis from Jews United Against Zionism — who waved Palestinian flags and loudly denounced Israel through a bullhorn.

"You are a Zion Nazi terrorist!" a rabbi wearing a keffiyeh and holding a Palestinian flag repeatedly shouted inches from the face of a pro-Israel protester, who replied, "Oh you have very bad breath!" — and backed away.

The sides angrily clashed on the sidewalk in front of Poetica Coffee in Park Slope, at times shouting in each other's faces, until the NYPD stepped in and cordoned them off in separate areas.

"We will not allow businesses or individuals to discriminate against anyone, including Jewish people, simply for supporting Israel, which is the only Jewish community in the whole world," said Daniel Rosen, president of the IMPACT organization, who just arrived in New York on a flight from Israel.

The shop excoriated NY Rep. Dan Goldman on social media for buying a cup of coffee at its location over the weekend, posting his photo and asking if the coffee tasted like "genocide juice" in an unhinged rant.

"See, here at Poetica, we don't serve racists, fascists, homophobes, genocide enablers, or anyone in between," the shop boasted online, demanding he never again set foot inside the shop.

Probe underway

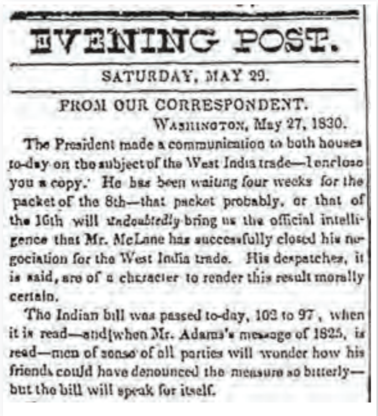
The incident prompted the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to open an investigation, and warn that an enforcement action against the shop could be coming.

But Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss of Jews United Against Zionism said he believes Zionism itself causes antisemitism, and applauded the coffee shop's attack on Goldman.

"We believe that every step people are taking to stand up to this unjust occupation and genocide is terrific," he said, referring to Israel's war against Hamas that began after the Oct. 7, 2023, terror attacks.

"When the people in this coffee shop decided to say to a politician who supports bombing, sends money that they should bomb innocent people, it's perfectly justifiable, it's godly and right to stand up and say 'you have no place in humanity, and you shouldn't be getting coffee, what you should be getting is a bottle of urine.'"

Rosen said the Jewish community was "indignant" about Mayor Mamdani's refusal to denounce the coffee shop on Tuesday.



EVENING POST.

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 27, 1830.

The President made a communication to both houses to-day on the subject of the West India trade—I enclose you a copy.' He has been waiting four weeks for the packet of the 8th—that packet probably, or that of the 16th will *undoubtedly* bring us the official intelligence that Mr. McLane has successfully closed his negociation for the West India trade. His despatches, it is said, are of a character to render this result morally certain.

The Indian bill was passed to-day, 102 to 97, when it is read—and when Mr. Adams's message of 1825, is read—men of sense of all parties will wonder how his friends could have denounced the measure so bitterly—but the bill will speak for itself.

Bad 'act' for Native Americans

The Post is counting down to America's 250th birthday with a look back at the nation's — and the paper's — history. Every day leading up to the big event on July 4, we're publishing notable covers and stories from our archives:

Indian Removal Act
May 29, 1830

The day after President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act into law, The Post reported on its passing and early amendments.

The legislation allowed Jackson to grant lands west of the Mississippi to Indian tribes in exchange for their lands within state borders.

Happy
250th,
USA!

Its passage paved the way for more than 60,000 Native Americans to be violently displaced from their homes in the decade that followed — in some cases by bayonet-wielding US military — and resettled in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Thousands of Native Americans died in the brutal, forced migration, which became known as the Trail of Tears.

The act also led to the expansion of slavery, as much of the 25 million acres of land cleared for white settlers would be used for cotton cultivation. *Lauren Sarner*

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Charters flunk NY ed bigs

New York's charter school bigwigs are "deeply troubled" by state education officials who they claim are stunting the growth of the publicly funded alternative schools — instead of embracing its success in the classroom.

Fourteen charter leaders sent a scathing letter to state education boss Betty Rosa on Monday, slamming her department and the Board of Regents for allegedly undermining the schools approved by the State University of New York.

"Unfortunately, SUNY's success has made it a target," the letter fumed.

"Teachers unions and other opponents of charter schools cannot credibly argue with the results being produced by SUNY-authorized schools, particularly for students in underserved communities."

Both SUNY and the Board of Regents — the policy board which oversees the state's education department — have the authority to approve charter schools.

But thanks to a bureaucratic quirk in the law, the Board of Regents reviews applications approved by the more charter-friendly SUNY Board of Trustees/Charter Schools Institute — and often opposes them.

Carl Campanile

Firebug jail sentence

An arsonist was sentenced Tuesday to over five years in jail for setting a sleeping homeless man on fire on board a subway car that was passing through Midtown.

Hiram Carrero, 19, was handed the 66-month imprisonment for the attack that left his 56-year-old victim with permanent disfigurement on Dec. 1.

Carrero, of Harlem, was captured on surveillance footage boarding the No. 3 train at Penn Station just after 3 a.m. The firebug used a flaming sheet to ignite his sleeping victim before he hopped off the train back onto the Penn Station platform. *Nicholas McEntyre*

Inside singer's 'secret' Garden nups

CLUES FOR TAY'S DAY

gkittle/Instagram

DO IT UP: A street activity permit application has been filed with the city for July 2-4 — the latest hint about Taylor Swift (here performing "Love Story" with Lainey Wilson this week) and her planned wedding to NFLer Travis Kelce at MSG on July 3. It's the latest sign of the pending mega-nuptials along with reservations for guests at a Midtown hotel.

By ERIC TODISCO,
LARRY CELONA
and HANNAH FIERICK

Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce are making big moves for their wedding in the Big Apple.

Ahead of the couple's upcoming July 3 nuptials at Madison Square Garden, City Hall confirmed to The Post on Wednesday that a permit application was filed with the city's Street Activity Permit Office for July 2 to July 4.

The permit, filed by Winick Productions in June, asked for street closures around MSG and for a public tent to be set up outside the venue, which will include 500 to 999 attendees.

The New York Times was first to report the news of the permit.

Winick Productions had no comment when reached out to by Page Six.

In addition, a source told Page Six that Kansas City Chiefs players have reservations at the Marquis in Midtown around the wedding date.

Page Six has reached out to reps for Swift and Kelce for comment.

The Post broke that news that Kelce and Swift, both 36, were hosting their wedding at Madison Square Garden over Independence Day weekend.

Zoë Kravitz, Suki Waterhouse, Karlie Kloss, Ed Sheeran, the Haim sisters, Gigi Hadid and Selena Gomez are some of the lucky ones who have reportedly snagged invites.

Insiders recently told us that LA-based celebrity wedding planner Mark Seed has been working on Swift and Kelce's MSG wedding "for months."

Tellingly, the 20,000-seat arena has no events on its calendar from June 29 through July 6.

Mayor Mamdani basically confirmed the wedding was happening at MSG when he said the city can handle "big events" — including "Taylor Swift's wedding" — during a recent press conference.

Swift and Kelce aren't the first couple to choose MSG as their wedding venue.

Funk legend Sly Stone famously hosted his 1974 wedding to model Kathy Silva there, with guests required to wear gold, according to Rolling Stone.

Then in 1982, Reverend Sun Myung Moon from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification held a mass wedding at MSG with 2,075 couples in attendance. Swift has performed at MSG multiple times, including for her "Speak Now" and "Fearless" tours and several Jingle Ball appearances.

The "Shake It Off" singer and the NFL player, who got engaged in August 2025, originally planned an intimate Rhode Island wedding. Last weekend, Swift conducted her bachelorette activities at her $17.75 million Rhode Island mansion.

STRAIT FLUSH SET TO BEGIN

Evac for stranded ships

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Iran and Oman will start coordinating a large-scale evacuation of stranded vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, in cooperation with the US and nearby coastal states, the International Maritime Organization said Tuesday.

The global shipping regulator announced it has secured enough safeguards to begin evacuating more than 11,000 seafarers who have been stranded in the Middle East amid the US and Israel's war with Iran, which began Feb. 28.

Brent crude oil prices plummeted to $73.04 a barrel Wednesday — their lowest price since the day before the war started — and US stocks ticked up as traders hoped traffic would quickly resume throughout the strait.

"We have secured the necessary safety guarantees and have thoroughly verified the conditions for safe navigation to support these operations," IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez said in a statement.

"We remain fully committed to ensuring the safety of seafarers and the continuity of global trade."

Time and money

But the evacuation operation involves a complex process that will take time, as shipmasters are urged to "not move" and instead must "wait to be contacted" by coordinating agencies, according to the IMO.

The ships can choose their route and coordinate with coastal authorities on their passage, while Iran and Oman will manage traffic flow and make sure collisions are avoided, the IMO said.

Some vessels have already exited the strait over the past few days, after the US and Iran signed a memorandum of understanding that gives the two nations 60 days to reach a final agreement.

The Joint Maritime Information Center, however, has warned that Iran has continued to harass and surveil vessels in the Persian Gulf.

Iran and Oman have agreed to work on an agreement over their future oversight of the waterway — including how to manage costs.

In a social media post, the Foreign Ministry of Oman wrote that it is seeking to ensure "freedom of navigation in the strait without imposing transit fees."

Iranian officials have discussed charging ships for safe passage, claiming they would impose fees for unspecified services, not universal tolls. Shipping experts have said that's mere semantics.

Shortly after arriving in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said "no country" can charge ships for passage through the strait, citing "existing international law."

President Trump has toyed with the idea of placing American tolls to transit the strait, most recently writing in a social media post Saturday that there will be no charges to pass through the waterway "unless they are imposed by and for the United States of America."

SELFIES ON THE SHORE: Friends snap photos in Muscat, Oman, where ships remain stranded under the threat of underwater mines in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran and Oman have worked out a deal to evacuate the vessels.

Getty Images

GOPers souring on deal

WASHINGTON — Republican voters like the preliminary peace deal with Iran less the more they know about it, according to a poll shared exclusively with The Post.

44%

Republicans who say this is a bad deal with Iran

Initially, registered Republican voters backed the deal by a ratio of more than 3 to 1 (62% to 20%), according to the survey by J.L. Partners.

But after hearing details of the memorandum of understanding signed by President Trump last week, just 32% deem it a "good deal" while 44% pan it as a "bad deal," with another 15% saying "neither."

Respondents took particular issue with provisions of the MOU waiving sanctions to allow the sale of Iranian crude oil and an agreement by the US not to impose new penalties during a 60-day negotiating period.

More than half of GOP voters (57%) said they would be less inclined to support the deal after hearing it eases sanctions without requiring Tehran to stop funding terrorist proxies in the Middle East or dismantle its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

"Am I going to let Saudi Arabia have missiles, but [Iran] can't have them?" Trump told reporters at the G7 last week.

"It doesn't work that way." *Ryan King*

Trump orders Big Oil: Lower gas prices!

WASHINGTON — President Trump called on the Justice Department to investigate large oil companies over elevated gasoline prices despite the cost of crude going down now that the Strait of Hormuz has been reopened.

"The big Oil Companies are not dropping their price at the pump commensurate with the sharply lower prices they are paying for Oil," Trump declared on Truth Social. "Those prices are dropping like a rock! In other words, customers are being 'gouged.'

"I have instructed the DOJ to immediately start looking into this. Gasoline prices better start going down a lot faster than what I'm seeing!"

Experts had said it would take a few weeks for lower crude prices to trickle down to the gas pump.

Brent crude prices slipped to just over $72 a barrel of oil as of Wednesday morning. It peaked at $118 a barrel back in April.

But gasoline prices remain at $3.92 a gallon on average nationally, according to the latest data from the American Automobile Association. Gas prices had peaked at about $4.56 a gallon in May.

That means crude oil prices have dropped some 23% since May, while gasoline prices have only fallen about 14%.

Before the war in Iran began, gas prices had dipped below $3 a gallon. Prices have slowly begun to drop since the announcement of the memorandum of understanding with Iran earlier this month.

Gas prices have dropped for the sixth consecutive week. *Ryan King*

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‘QUANTUM’ LEAPS

Tech blows today’s microchips to ‘bits’

By CHADWICK MOORE

The alleged dangers of AI have been shoved down people’s throats for years, led by doomerism about it eliminating human jobs or wiping out mankind itself.

Yet, there are far fewer discussions about how scientists are on the cusp of a breakthrough more powerful and much more worrying: quantum computing.

The tech — pursued by Amazon, IBM, Google, Nvidia and others in the US — will revolutionize what computers can do, based on quantum physics.

Giving a glimpse at what’s possible, Google claimed its Willow quantum chip took just five minutes to solve a computational problem so complex it would have taken today’s most advanced supercomputers approximately 10 septillion years to crack, according to one of the company’s blog posts.

“Quantum computers are exceptionally good at breaking codes,” John Preskill, Caltech’s director of the Institute for Quantum Information, told The Post.

“When quantum computers are sufficiently capable, the [encrypted security systems] we’re using now every time we send our credit-card number over the internet or connect to a website will no longer be secure.

Foreign dangers

In the wrong hands such tech could prove extremely dangerous — and both China and Russia have made no secret of the ambitions in this area.

The field is developing so rapidly, President Trump signed two executive orders on Monday directing urgent federal attention to the experimental research. Trump fast-tracked the development of a US government supercomputer, ordering “the first-ever quantum computer powerful enough for scientific research” to be built within two years in a federal laboratory.

He also anticipated a looming global telecommunications security crisis by ordering quantum-safe security updates to “high impact systems” by 2031 — stepping up a previous deadline of 2035.

Google agrees with that thinking, announcing in April that “Q-Day,” the moment when quantum computers will be able to crack general encryption, is rapidly approaching — possibly as soon as 2029.

Today’s computers are binary, processing data strictly as sequential 0s or 1s, called bits. In physical terms, a bit is like an incredibly tiny electronic light switch — open represents 0, closed represents 1. Billions are packed onto a single silicon microchip, allowing computers to store data, run software, and display everything you see on your screen.

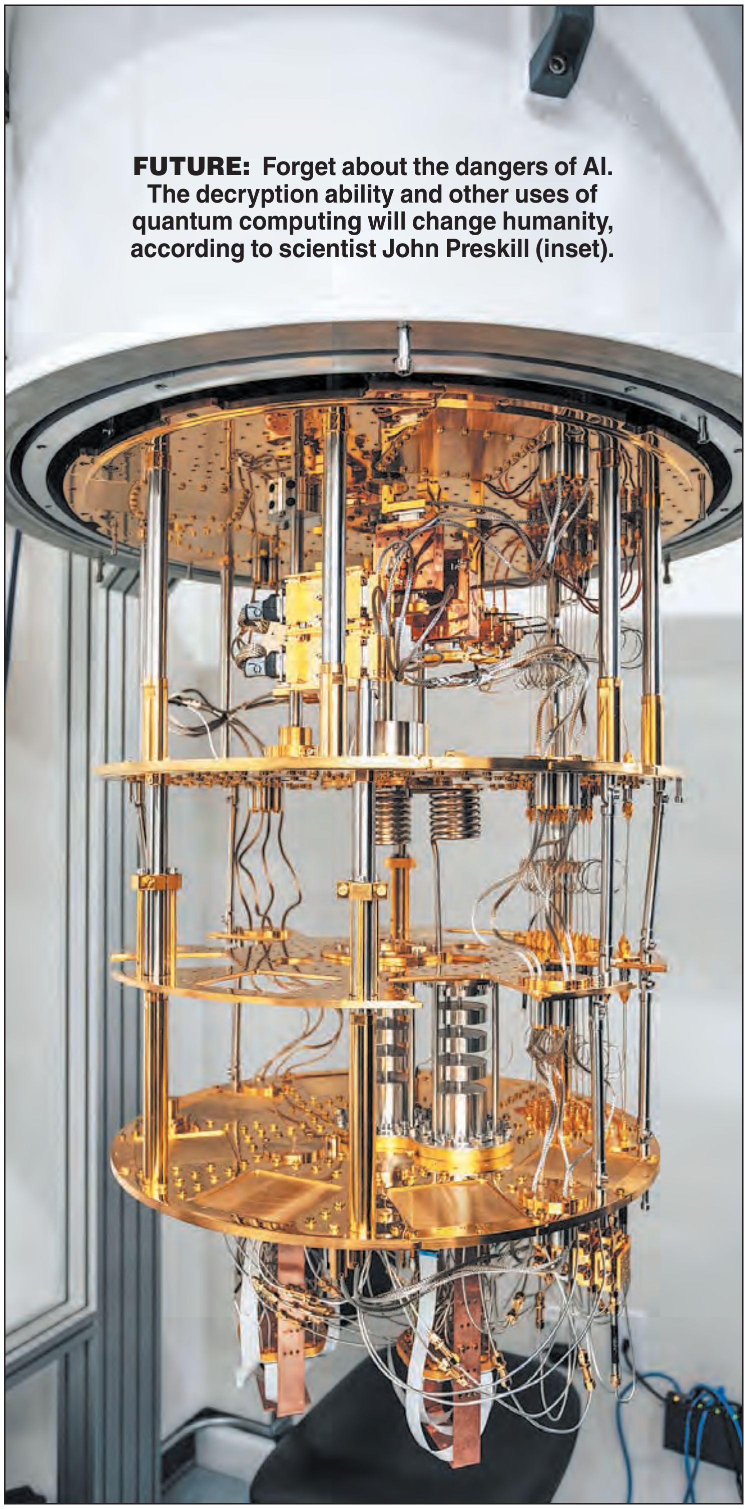
Quantum computing uses a unit called a qubit to process information in multiple states simultaneously. Rather than a 1 or a 0, a qubit can be both at the same time — called superposition — which is best compared to it being like a two-sided coin spinning, versus one being flipped from one side to the other.

It means quantum systems can analyze vast combinations at once, solving millions of complex problems simultaneously, rather than having to go through each one, as computers do now.

“To translate the information that just a few hundred qubits stores, you would need more [traditional] bits than the number of atoms in the visible universe, which will never be feasible,” explained Preskill.

Room-sized models

In the same way the first computer researchers in the 1950s had colossal, room-sized machines powered by thousands of glowing vacuum tubes and could in no way predict tech like the iPhone, today’s quantum computer researchers tell The Post they have no idea where all this will lead — only that it will be a sea change for human civilization.



FUTURE: Forget about the dangers of AI. The decryption ability and other uses of quantum computing will change humanity, according to scientist John Preskill (inset).

Emmy Park, Courtesy of John Preskill

However, a quantum computer won’t fit in your pocket. Today’s machines are also room-sized contraptions, where components need to be cooled in giant cylinders to near absolute zero.

Lasers and microwaves are then used to contain and manipulate the qubits, which must be completely isolated from the outside world. Even noises and smells interact with them.

“The promise is we can design drugs atom-by-atom, building up molecules and then testing what happens when they interact with other molecules,” Chris Ferrie of the University of Sydney’s Center for Quantum Software in Australia told The Post.

“If we have the ability to control atoms, we can mimic what they would look like if they behaved like a specific molecule. This is something we know how to do today, but don’t have the computational ability to do,” said Ferrie, who wrote the book “Quantum Computing for Babies.”

Bahamas shark bites boy

A young American boy was attacked by a shark while swimming with his brother at a resort town in the Bahamas, police said.

The 12-year-old victim, whom officials didn’t identify by name, was on a family tour of the Exuma Cays on Tuesday when he decided to go swimming with his brother.

The boy was on Staniel Cay island when the terrifying shark attack took place around 3:30 p.m., the Royal Bahamas Police Force said.

The boy was rushed onto a boat and taken to New Providence — the most populous island in the Bahamas — where he received medical treatment, authorities added.

He was listed in stable condition Wednesday, although police have yet to release more information on his injuries. Authorities also did not specify what kind of shark attacked the 12-year-old.

Shark attacks are rare in the Bahamas. The nation of more than 700 Caribbean islands has just 29 incidents on record, according to the International Shark Attack File database.

That alone, however, is enough to rank the Bahamas ninth for the most unprovoked shark attacks in the world, according to the database. *Ronny Reyes*

Tragic camp bankrupted

The Texas Christian summer camp where 28 people, including 25 young girls, died in catastrophic flash flooding last July has declared bankruptcy amid debts over $10 million.

A Chapter 11 filing listed Camp Mystic’s assets as between $1 million and $10 million and its debts in excess of $10 million, The New York Times reported.

The camp has been beset with wrongful-death suits.

State investigators found this month that the all-girls camp was woefully unprepared for the July 4, 2025, flood along the Guadalupe River. *Chris Nesi*

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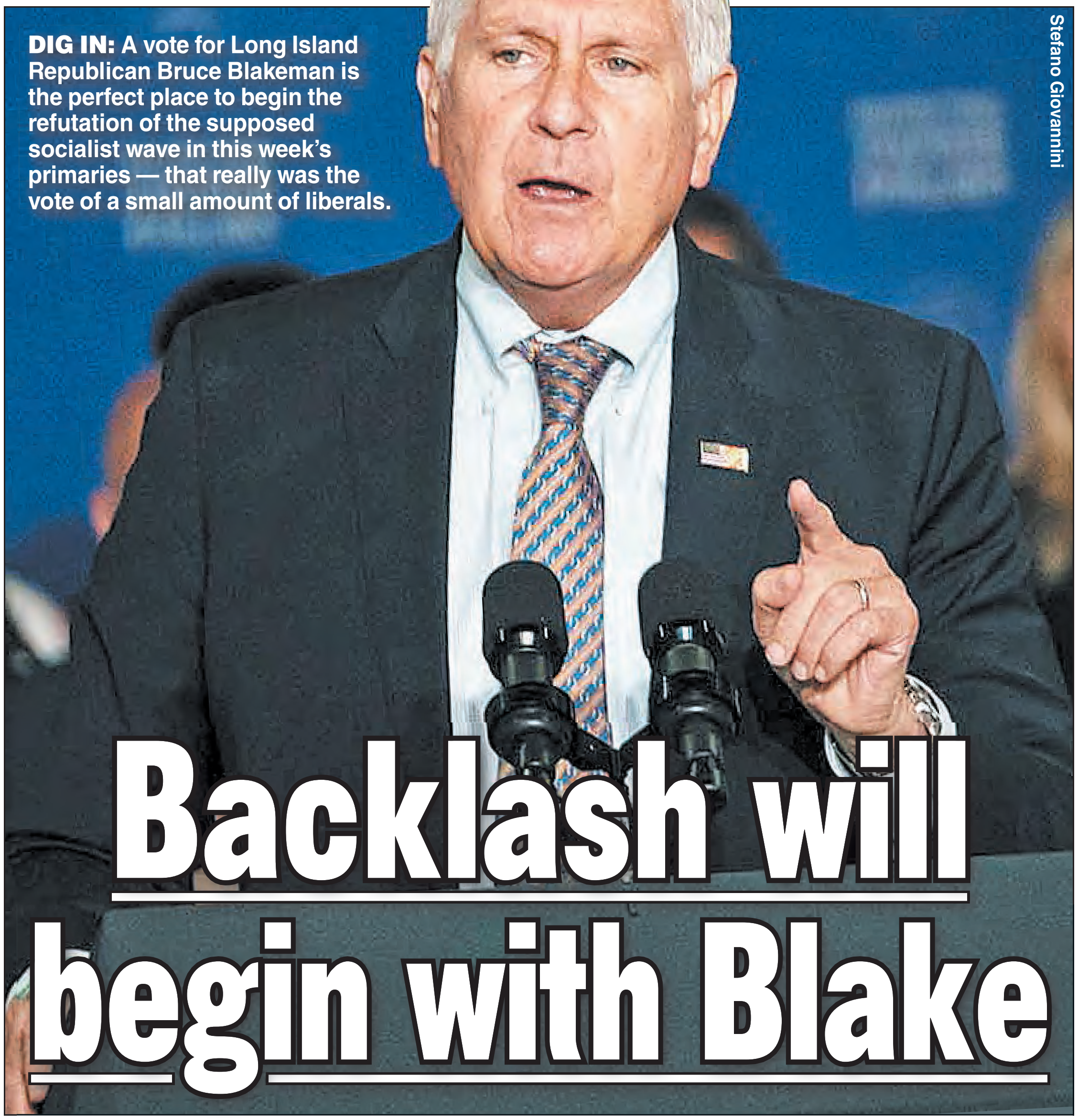
Backlash will begin with Blake



DIG IN: A vote for Long Island Republican Bruce Blakeman is the perfect place to begin the refutation of the supposed socialist wave in this week's primaries — that really was the vote of a small amount of liberals.

Stefano Giovannini

OK. Once we're all done setting our hair on fire and wringing our hands about the latest crop of anti-American, Jew-hating, Communist revolutionaries who've just grabbed political power, let's look at the upside.

Hardly anybody voted for them.

And they give Republicans a golden opportunity — if the party can get its act together, and if conservatives and sensible centrists can be persuaded to get off their couches and actually vote — and vote strategically.

No more sitting on the fence. In the bid to save New York — and the nation — apathy is as much the enemy as the DSA, for Democrats and Republicans alike.

This is the chance for New Yorkers to get behind the underestimated gem running for governor, Bruce Blakeman. He is the antidote to the anti-American poison emanating from Albany and City Hall.

But first to apathy.

The three Democratic Socialists of America candidates endorsed by Mayor Mamdani received a grand total of 125,000 votes, representing 3 percent of all registered Democrats in New York City.

Darializa Avila Chevalier (NY-13), a community organizer born in the Dominican Republic who wipes her ass with the American flag, will ride into Washington, DC, with fewer than 33,000 votes, representing less than 9 percent of eligible registered Democrats in that district.

That would barely fill Yankee Stadium. Only 18 percent of Democrats in NY-13 even bothered to turn out to vote in the primaries Tuesday.

It's a small sampling

It's the same for Texas native Claire Valdez (NY-7), a union organizer who wants to grant citizenship and voting rights to illegal aliens. She netted a measly 36,961 votes — or 10 percent of eligible votes.

Brad Lander (a longtime DSA member who nominally quit the faction but for all intents and purposes is DSA), the Missouri-born former progressive former NYC comptroller, Mamdani enabler and self-loathing "As a Jew" Jew, did the best of the three but still only eked out a paltry 55,000 votes to knock off Rep. Dan Goldman in the high-profile Manhattan and Brooklyn race.

That's less than 16 percent of eligible registered Democrats. The rest just stayed home.

The DSA victory is a triumph of community organizing, not of grassroots populism.

These people aren't even from the communities they organize. They're not even from New York. Two of them, including Chevalier and Uganda-born elitist Mamdani, weren't born in this country.

No, this isn't about "authenticity" or "conviction" or a "movement."

It was a sheer back-room numbers game in which the insurgent fringe easily toppled a complacent Democratic establishment that believed it had successfully gerrymandered and rigged its way to permanent rule and took New York for granted.

The commies got a handful of votes in a city of 8.5 million.

They are going to Washington as New York representatives, but they are as representative of New York as a pebble is of an avalanche.

Their momentum is driven in large part by delusion and hopeium, burnished brightly by the sorts of Ivy League millennials who populate elite newsrooms.

Take the NYT's breathless description of Mamdani "hopscotching" among victory parties Tuesday night wearing a smile of "disbelief" like he was taken unawares by the manipulation of low voter turnout.

"His aura of invincibility ... buoyed by recent weeks of Knicks-related elation — transferred to the candidates he endorsed, helping catapult [them] to victory . . . The primary underscored the movement's force, but also that of the man . . . This movement's leader has a pretty obvious and singular charisma."

How blue can you go?

Primary night festivities were "a celebration of how the mayor's popularity has rippled outward [but] also a reminder of just how much the mayor himself commands a room . . . When he walked into Ms. Valdez's party, some of his supporters looked so overcome they could barely speak."

Oh, please. Keep your hat on.

America doesn't want the crazy policies Zohran and the commies are championing: Open borders. Medicare for all. Abolish ICE. Defund the police. Abolish prisons. Transgender surgery for all. DEI. Racial apartheid. Crime and disorder. Pond scum in the Reflecting Pool.

Americans are not into tearing down everything that made America great, and ultimately destroying Western civilization.

Even those of us who were not fans of Goldman, the Levi Strauss heir and once shining star of the Democrats who has just been ignominiously turfed out of Congress by Lander, will defend him against the vile bigotry of Poetica Coffee.

The filthy coffee shop in Brooklyn, which keeps being cited for hygiene issues, banned Goldman after he bought a cup of coffee there because he is deemed to be a supporter of Israel. Good for Goldman.

He never seemed comfortable in the role of a wannabe Shifty Schiff, trying to defend Biden family lies in committee hearings. But Goldman sold his soul to the Democratic Party, and its leaders used him up, spat him out and stomped on his political grave, because they were too lazy or gutless to fight against the DSA parasite colonizing them.

But low voter turnout is the tool the DSA uses to grab power, and it can just as easily be turned against them. Their victory is as fragile as a puff of smoke, but only as long as the silent majority wakes up and takes the reins from the fringe riders.

Bruce a true leader

For starters, in New York, every conservative, moderate, and vaguely rational person needs to register strategically as a Democrat so they can vote for the non-commie candidates in Democratic primaries.

The primaries *are* the election in deep blue districts. Of course, that requires you to get off your backside and vote. You can vote for whoever you like in the general election.

Secondly, vote for Blakeman as governor. He is a competent moderate who has transformed Nassau County into the best-run — and safest — region of the state, governing for four years without a tax hike, killing a $150 million tax hike that his predecessor, Democrat Laura Curran, had planned before leaving office. He doesn't waste time on ideological pursuits. His mission is all about making New Yorkers "happy again" with affordable, safe, family-friendly policies.

Blakeman is New York's best chance to clip the wings of Mamdani and his anti-American goons. Make Kathy Hochul pay for aiding and abetting the Communist revolutionaries who have colonized her party. She endorsed Mamdani. She owns this result.

She and the rest of her spineless fellow establishment Democrats allowed their party to be invaded by the "Algae Democrats" — vandals who seek to spread out and destroy anything that is good and beautiful in this country — like the lunatics trying to destroy the Reflecting Pool in Washington DC by feeding the algae and ripping off the lining, just to spite Donald Trump.

They have handed a gift to Republicans. It's time to use it.

Don gets '250' party started

President Trump declared "the best is yet to come" for America at a rally Tuesday night kicking off festivities commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary.

"We are the ones who are carrying forward the light of Western civilization," Trump said at the Freedom 250 event on the National Mall, describing the US as "young . . . but superior to any nation that's ever been built, no matter how many years it took."

"This is the very beginning of the Golden Age of America. We're in the Golden Age," the president continued. "There has never been an age like this.

"This anniversary is a time to be proud of our past. But it is also a time to lift our sights, expand our ambitions, and raise our expectations of what America can be . . . the best is yet to come."

The event near the Washington Monument marked the opening of the 16-day "Great American State Fair."

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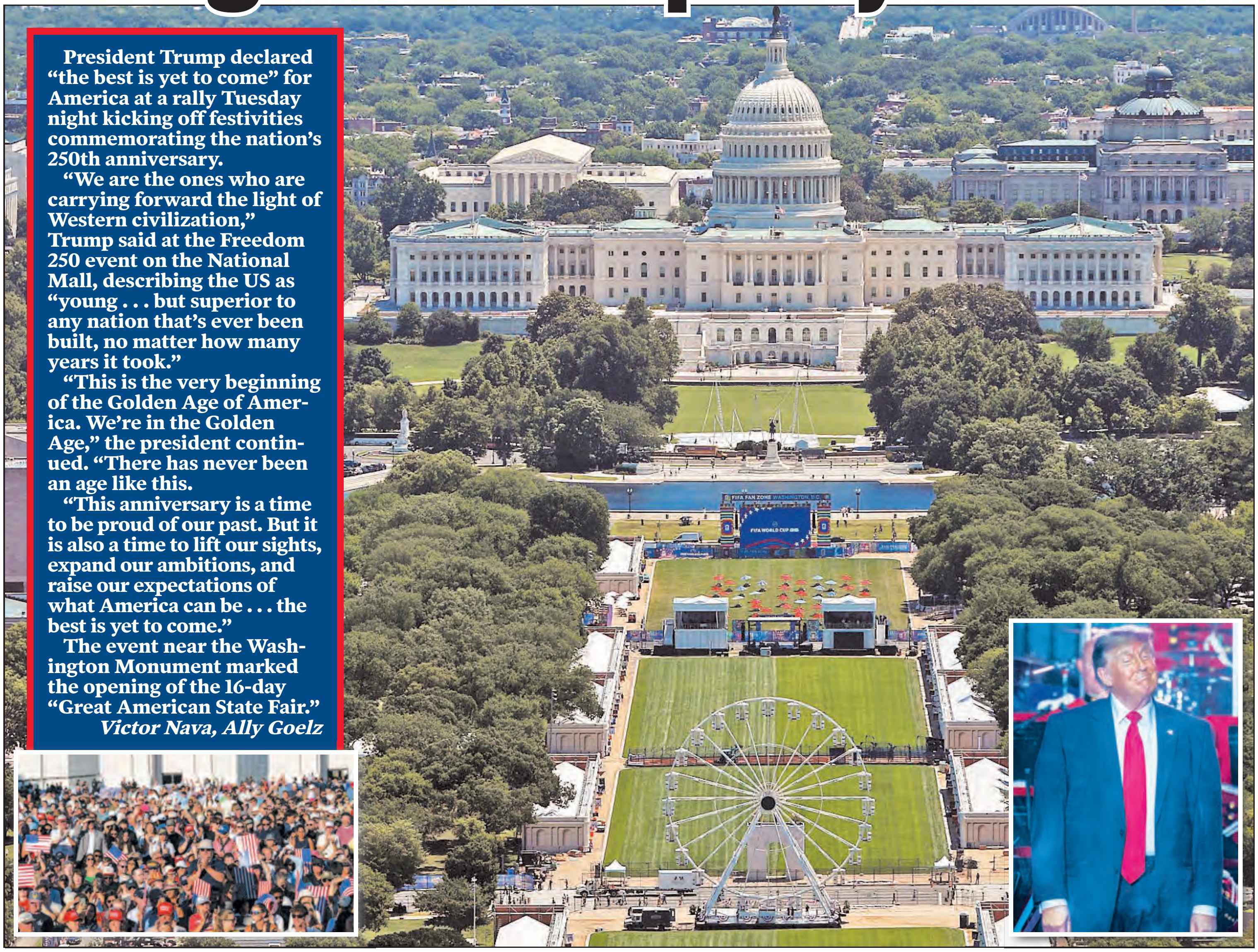
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Heated DC lunch

Trump 'mad as a hornet' at GOPer

By JOSH CHRISTENSON, RYAN KING and JALLY GOELZ

WASHINGTON — President Trump and Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) got into a shouting match during a lunch meeting Wednesday over the US war with Iran, according to lawmakers who were in attendance.

GOP senators described Trump as being "mad as a murder hornet" in a Capitol meeting room and raising his voice at Cassidy for joining three other Republicans in a vote limiting Trump's wartime authority.

Cassidy, who later quipped that the talks went "swimmingly," called the president "my brother" several times during the heated exchange to lower tensions, Senate GOP sources said. The president spat back that Cassidy wasn't his brother and told him to sit down, per CNN.

"[Trump] did not particularly care for my comments, raised his voice. I lost my temper," Cassidy later recounted to reporters. "It's the Irish in me.

"But again I matched his tone and his volume, and it went back and forth," he explained. "So I sat down and tried to de-escalate. I guess my point is, though, that the American people need to know more than we are being told. The Senate needs to know."

Cassidy lost his re-election to the Senate this year, when Trump backed his primary opponent in Louisiana.

"We had a really great meeting, and we're very proud of the party. We like our leader. We like everybody. Really, in the room, we don't like a few people, but that's OK," Trump told reporters afterward, refraining from naming names.

Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), sarcastically told reporters the exchange was "very pleasant" before describing how Trump and Cassidy butted heads.

"Very much like a hospital board meeting when a bunch of doctors are yelling at each other, but at the end of the day, we'll figure out a way to get along," said Marshall, an OB/GYN before entering politics. "Voices were raised . . . I think the vote yesterday on the War Powers Act, the president's very disappointed."

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Top gen. in Europe quitting

The Army's top general in Europe is leaving the service in the latest major military shake-up this year, with insiders attributing the move to internal War Department strife and a planned reduction in high-ranking officers.

Gen. Christopher Donahue, leader of NATO's Allied Land Command and the Army's Europe and Africa component, will retire July 2 and be replaced by his deputy, Maj. Gen. Christopher Norrie.

Donahue, 56, is best known as the "last soldier to leave Afghanistan" during the August 2021 US withdrawal, with his final moments on the ground captured in widely published night-vision images.

Four sources inside and close to the Pentagon described Donahue's departure as voluntary, but attributed the decision to his frustration with management and the looming downgrade of his post from a four-star to a three-star role.

That change, coming as early as this summer, would have effectively forced the four-star Donahue to relinquish the command he held since December 2024.

The Army did not give a reason for Donahue's departure. *Steven Nelson*

'316-yr.-old' trio of sibs

What is the secret to a long life? Three Brazilian sisters with a combined age of 316, who were named by Guinness this month as the oldest living trio of siblings in the world, may help researchers find out.

The DNA Longevo Project, of the University of Sao Paulo, aims to investigate the biological factors behind aging.

Findings from Zulina de Deus Nunes, 103, Zoraide de Deus Mota, 104, and Levita de Deus Nunes, 109, could help scientists understand why some people remain physically and cognitively resilient at exceptionally advanced ages. *Reuters*

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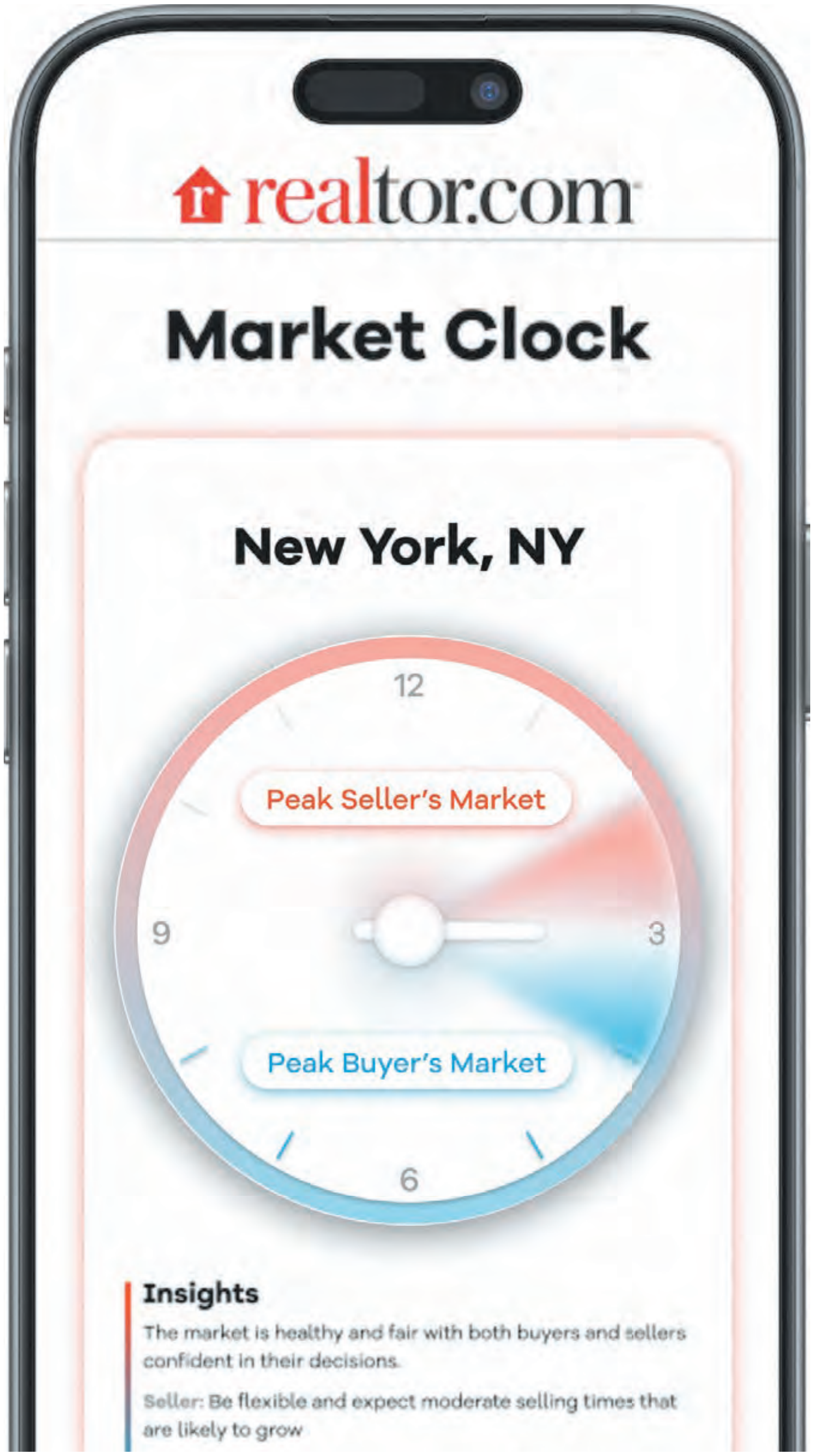
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Chow main event in Tribeca

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HE'S not Mr. Ciao after all! Recent reports announced the sad news that Mr. Chow was leaving his beloved Tribeca location after 20 years.

But Page Six has learned that the legendary restaurateur has cut a deal, and he'll be staying at the spot after all.

Reports surfaced in April that the lease on 121 Hudson St., with its distinctive steel wraparound terrace, was to be taken over by Olio e Più, an Italian restaurant with three locations in the city.

But now **Mr**. **Chow** himself tells Page Six that he's made a deal to extend the lease, and will — much to the relief of downtown regulars — be staying put.

He opened his first New York eatery — after founding hot spots in London and Beverly Hills — on 57th Street in 1979.

The restaurant became a huge hit with Andy Warhol, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, **Madonna**, John Lennon, David Bowie and more.

But when the downtown dining scene exploded after Odeon and Nobu became runaway hits, Mr. Chow opened his place just below Canal in 2006, in addition to the famous Midtown location.

And Mr. Chow, 87, told Page Six that he's got big plans.

He said that he wants to help revolutionize the food business by reversing the process the same way that Amazon has with other goods.

"It's always been man-to-goods, and Amazon has made it goods-to-man," he told us. "We're going to do the same with food."

He said that in the same way he worked alongside Nobu to usher in a downtown dining scene with a strong Asian component, he hopes to work alongside Goop Kitchen to give upscale dining the **Jeff Bezos** treatment.

Goop Kitchen opened a Midtown kitchen in April and is expected to open an Upper West Side location in the fall.

Olio e Più did not respond to our request for comment.

A 'plasty surprise

JENNY Mollen revealed that she texted estranged husband **Jason Biggs** to tell him she was having a vaginoplasty shortly after he moved out following their split. "I'm like, oh, f--k, this is crazy because literally, and the timing was horrifying because, OK, Jason was moving out on a Friday and I didn't mean for it to line up this way," Mollen, 47, said on **Kelly Ripa**'s "Let's Talk Off Camera" podcast. She added that she didn't want to tell Biggs, 48, about the surgery because it sounded "shady" and "weird." "The one good thing I was able to tell him was, 'I'm not allowed to have sex for eight weeks,'" she said. The two were married for 18 years but confirmed their split in May.

Belles' letters club

EMMA Roberts co-hosted an event for her Belletrist book club and production company, along with Air Mail. The actress (above) hosted a reading of "Too L.A.: Letters Never Sent (But Some Were)," a new collection of late author Eve Babitz's letters edited by writer **Lili Anolik**. Also on the scene at the Fifth Avenue Hotel were Roberts' Belletrist cofounder **Karah Preiss**, Air Mail Editor-in-Chief **Julia Vitale**, **Caroline Calloway**, actress **Annabelle Dexter-Jones**, actress **Sarah Catherine Hook** and socialite and author **Sarah Hoover**.

Looks like NYC's the City of Love now, as Javier Bardem and Kate Hudson film a smoochy scene (inset) for rom-com "Hello & Paris" in Manhattan.

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Warrant for Em ex

A warrant has been issued for **Eminem**'s ex-wife, **Kim Scott**, after she failed to appear in court for her DUI hearing, Page Six confirmed. Scott, formerly Kim Mathers, was scheduled to appear in front of Judge **William H. Hackel** III at Macomb County District Court in Michigan yesterday, but she never showed. Page Six confirmed she has not been arrested as of yesterday. Her bond is set at $10,000. Scott, 51, was arrested for a suspected DUI on May 14. Detective Sgt. **Joseph Feld** of the Chesterfield Township Police Department told TMZ Scott hit a vehicle with her car near Detroit. Scott and Eminem tied the knot in 1999 before splitting two years later. They remarried in 2006, but he filed for divorce three months later. They have one biological daughter, **Hailie Jade Mathers**, 30. He also adopted Scott's niece and Scott's child from another relationship.

Avoid Kard games

YOU can't keep up this time. **Kendall Jenner** is "crazy" about **Jacob Elordi** and is trying to shield him from the madness that sometimes comes from dating someone in her super-famous reality TV family, a source told Page Six. The "Euphoria" heartthrob is "the first guy she has been crazy about in years," our source said. "She's not rushing to throw him into the Kardashian machine," the insider said, adding, "Very few men survive that." Jenner (above) and Elordi were first linked in February, but we're told a romantic Hawaiian getaway last month took things from casual crush to serious connection. The pair also traveled to Tokyo earlier this month. They are currently vacationing in his home country, Australia.

Winfrey 'changed tune' on Whit

THE Big O's big fib? A veteran TV journalist claims he's caught **Oprah Winfrey** in a lie. There was a kerfuffle this week after the talk show legend claimed that Whitney Houston had "gone back on drugs" when she shot a sitdown with her in 2009 — an interview that was supposed to herald the singer's post-rehab comeback. Winfrey, 72, claimed during an appearance at the Cannes Lions festival in France that Houston, who died in 2012, had fallen off the stage of her famous talk show's set because she was impaired by drugs. But Houston's estate shot back that the fall "was due to the darkness . . . and her unfamiliarity with the stage. She was absolutely not high." Now journalist **Roger Friedman** claims that Winfrey told a different version of the incident earlier. Friedman wrote on his Showbiz411 site that he'd heard Winfrey tell the story in 2021, during a COVID-era Zoom hosted by his pal Clive Davis. "'It was not drugs,' Oprah said, and Clive agreed," he wrote back then. "She slipped, but it unnerved Whitney so that she took a break to regroup." He wrote this week, "Oprah knows her Cannes Lion statement is not true. There's no reason to lie about it now except to make headlines." He threatened to produce the video "if necessary." A rep for Winfrey did not comment.

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Russini cries foul

DIANNA Russini has made her first remarks since we revealed her alleged affair with New England Patriots coach **Mike Vrabel** — kinda. The New York Times published a lengthy story Tuesday about Russini's rise to the top of NFL journalism, reporting that she was making $800,000 as the Athletic's "NFL insider" before she resigned following Page Six publishing photographs of her holding hands with Vrabel at a secluded resort in Arizona. The story quoted Russini as telling the Times via text how she faced "intense scrutiny and personal attacks," her first public comments since the pictures came out. "This has had a significant impact on my life, both professionally and personally," Russini wrote while referring to herself as an ex-journalist, according to the Times. But Russini asked the Times reporter not to quote her. Then the reporter refused to comply, saying they hadn't agreed to be off the record. The story reports that Russini objected and emailed Athletic publisher **David Perpich**, plus two senior Times editors, to inform them of her wish not to be quoted. The Athletic is still investigating.

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Priyanka Chopra's satin dress for Cannes Lions was a roaring success.

Cast rumors ran Wilde

OLIVIA Wilde is setting the record straight about the drama that surrounded her 2022 film, "Don't Worry Darling." Ahead of the thriller's premiere, there were rumors of tension on set among the film's stars: Wilde, **Florence Pugh** and **Harry Styles**. However, Wilde claimed the speculation, including reports she and Pugh had screaming matches, was false. "I have never had a screaming match on my set. I was never not available on set," the actress told the Cut yesterday. Wilde also reflected on the intense scrutiny surrounding her romance with Styles, whom she met while making the film. The pair dated for nearly two years before splitting in 2022. Wilde admitted she was advised at the time not to publicly push back against the rumors surrounding the movie and her life. "I was told, 'Don't say a f--king word. Just go out there and smile,'" she recalled. "I resent that, but it taught me it's not the way I want to handle things." Page Six reached out to Pugh's rep for comment.

Silver book's sterling rep

NEW York Knicks legend **Walt** "Clyde" **Frazier** joined Wall Street bigs to celebrate the launch of a memoir by finance wizard **Silver Kung**, Ph.D. We're told "Silver Linings: Finding Wealth, Wisdom, and Redemption on the Hardest Road of All" "traces [Kung's] path from a difficult childhood and crushing [inherited] debt to founding Siegfried Capital — a 27-year odyssey through hedge funds, private equity and capital markets." The night featured remarks from Worth Media Chairman **Jim McCann** and CEO **Josh Kampel**. According to Simon and Schuster, the book "offers timeless lessons in resilience, integrity and hope for anyone facing life's hardest challenges."

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The eagle-eyed **Alexandra Daddario** spots an itty bitty **David Beckham** in the crowd and scores a selfie with the soccer legend at the England vs. Ghana World Cup game in Boston on Tuesday.

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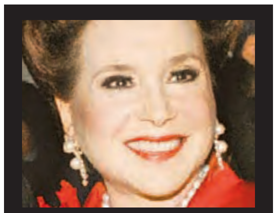

Cindy Adams

NEW York goes onward, always.

Francine LeFrak, producer of B’way and Hollywood winners, is behind just opened “Music City” at St. Luke’s West 46th Street theater. Set in a Nashville, Tenn., bar. TV friend **Dana Perino** discovered its Upper West Side tryout someplace in whoknowswhere long, long ago.

Francine: “I fell for the awesome raw talent. This was an injection. I felt I had to support it. So I came out of retirement to do this. The setting is tables and chairs like a dive bar in Nashville.”

Jeremy Daniel

Lauren “Lolo” **Pritchard** and **Stephen Michael Spencer** star in the new off-Broadway musical “Music City,” set in a Nashville dive bar, but appearing at St. Luke’s Theatre.

She went to Nashville, inhaled it, read the script, knew the songs, sniffed the creative process again, “Knew I had to do this” and its due last night big-time opening will be larger than my mouth.

Season of the saucy and sultry

IT’S summer and I don’t have any potato salad for you, but I do have a few tasty treats:

James Joyce had a fetish for knickers that were on dolls. Carried them around in his pocket.

Gisele Bündchen, harassed once for modeling fur on the catwalk, says: “I thought PETA was going to hurt me. I’ve apologized. I’m the world’s biggest animal lover. I’ve had dogs and horses and rescues all my life.” PETA cannot recall receiving any apology.

Winona Ryder was disappointed with her on-screen kiss with **Jennifer Aniston** on “Friends.” She says: “All you see is hair. You don’t see lips. I was bummed out because she’s a pretty nice kisser.”

Kevin Kline on once kissing **Tom Selleck** in “In & Out”: “It was horrible — yet wonderful, exhilarating and thrilling.”

Susan Sarandon: “It was long back with **Catherine Deneuve** in ‘The Hunger.’ If you’re going to go to bed with a woman and it’s Catherine Deneuve — you definitely don’t need to be drunk.”

Took an entire shared bottle of brandy before Christopher Reeve and **Michael Caine** summoned enough courage to kiss each other in 1982’s “Deathtrap.”

Making a Stand

THE creative contingent seems to be creating anew. **Peter J. Ward** just launched Stand By 1. It’s an all biggie studio. With him is a former NBC “Today” show producer, a former Wall Street Journal hotshot — all biggies on the staff including top writer Peter, who has interviewed me formerly and *formally*.

Everyone’s a former VIP specializing in inside information, rare interviews, behind-the-scenes stuff and whatever clings to a partridge in a pear tree.

So, if looking for an agent, director, producer or a job, call Peter — not me.

TWO college girls went to NYC for a little adventure. One turned to the other and said, “I have a secret. Let me be frank with you.” The other jumped up and said: “Oh, no,” and jumped on their bed saying: “Let me be Frank and you can be Alice.”

Only in our New York, kids, only in our New York.

Trashy school fools

Out-of-control New Jersey high schoolers vandalized their school and stole a lawn mower during a chaotic overnight prank that led to suspensions, expulsions and seniors being barred from graduation.

Manchester Township HS students allegedly broke into the academic building June 17, where the mob is accused of trashing the property with garbage and other debris, writing obscenities on the roof and damaging a pickup truck, radio station WKXW reported.

The students were permitted to take part in the "senior prank" a week before the final day of classes, but "exceeded the expectations and guidelines that had been communicated" to them, the Ocean County district's Superintendent Diane Pedroza told the outlet.

Nicholas McEntyre

Saved 'pup' surprise

Authorities who rushed to rescue a "dog" struggling in a Florida lake got a twist ending when the animal they pulled from the water turned out to be a coyote pup.

Fire rescue crews responded to a call of a "dog in a canal" in Britannia Lake on Monday morning while a concerned kayaker, Denae Judd, trailed the canine swimming from shore to shore, according to the Cape Coral Fire Department.

The wild pup was taken to East West Veterinary Care Center for rehabilitation. *Zoe Hussain*

'Super'-mediocre

UP IN THE SIGH: Milly Alcock's performance is about the only thing worth while in "Supergirl," as the unoriginal second film in DC's revamp falls flat after last summer's smash hit.

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Seen it all before — and we're sick of it

Johnny Oleksinski

MOVIE REVIEW

SUPERGIRL

Hero with a thousand faces.

Running time: 108 minutes. Rated PG-13 (sequences of strong violence, action, language, and smoking). In theaters.

★★

IT was only a year ago when everybody euphorically proclaimed, "DC is saved! This is the dawn of a new era!"

Well, hold your Kryptos.

With the forgettable "Supergirl," the second chapter in the revamped DC Universe, the franchise quickly plummets back down to Earth. As the old saying goes: The more capes change, the more capes stay the same.

Director Craig Gillespie's movie starring an appealing Milly Alcock isn't a total wreck. It's blessed with a strong lead and is adequately enough executed. Had we not been bombarded with a million superhero movies over the past 15 years, "Supergirl" would be passably fine.

Yet we have been bombarded with a million superhero movies. And box office receipts have shown that the audience has reached a point where we would like these films to at least attempt to be special and unique. In story, style, stunts. Something!

Krypto crash

What a bummer then that "Supergirl" is rather unlike its title character, Kara Zor-El, an against-the-grain rebel with a cause. This is a movie that tries super hard to fit in and thus fade out. And often that means, like a goth in the cafeteria, pretending to be edgy.

Kara starts out as a super party girl — a drunken mess just like Aquaman or Thor in "Avengers: Endgame" — who takes shots all night and then wakes up drooling on the floor with a knife in her thigh.

Supergirl's slumming it on other planets far away from Metropolis as she goes hard for her 23rd birthday. Really, though, she's avoiding responsibilities and hiding from her painful past. She was sent to Earth from planet Krypton by her parents after deadly Kryptonite ravaged its population.

Her cousin Superman begs her to come home. "I'm worried you might never find your people," he cloyingly says.

Instead she finds Ruthye (Eve Ridley), an empty shell of a 13-year-old whose mom and weapon-maker dad have been killed by Krem of the Yellow Hills.

Star a saving grace

Creepy Matthias Schoenaerts plays the punk-rock baddie, a vague and breathy human trafficker who looks like Vladimir Putin got too many face piercings one night after a lot of Stolichnaya.

Inexplicably mature Ruthye asks Supergirl for help to kill Krem. Kara only enlists after Krem shoots a toxic dart at her beloved dog Krypto. The pooch has only got three days to live without the antidote.

Kara meets some weirdos, such as painted-faced motorcycle thug Lobo (Jason Momoa), and a little monkey alien who works on a space bus (Seth Rogen), who will earn dismissive comparisons to "Mad Max" and "Guardians of the Galaxy." Rightly so.

The only compelling performance here is Alcock's. Her personality, both petulant and lovable, shines through this march toward the obvious, like the yellow sun that gives Supergirl her power.

But Alcock alone cannot save the perfunctory and played-out action scenes, to the inevitable soundtrack of a counterintuitive rock song. "Deadpool" did it. "Guardians" did it. We're done with it.

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AGING WELL

45% ‘better’ as time goes by

By ALLIE YANG

You’re not getting any younger, but research suggests aging doesn’t necessarily mean life gets worse or that things will go downhill for your mind or body.

Yale University researchers followed people above age 65 for 12 years, measuring their physical health through walking speed, and their brain health with a cognitive assessment that looked at things like short-term memory and math skills.

Almost half of participants actually got sharper mentally, stronger physically, or both, they discovered.

They found that 45.15% of participants showed improvement in cognition, walking speed, or both.

And who was more likely to improve? Those who felt more comfortable with aging.

They were found to disagree with statements like, “The older I get, the more useless I feel,” and agreed with, “I am as happy now as when I was younger.”

26M improving

“If this finding was extrapolated to the entire US population, it would suggest that more than 26 million older persons are experiencing an improvement in functioning,” the study’s authors noted.

But many people don’t have the best attitudes about aging.

One study showed that Americans age 40 and up think their cognition will decline as they age, while another suggested 80% of people falsely believed all older people develop dementia. This attitude can have serious consequences in the medical world.

A doctor might dismiss symptoms because it’s seen as natural aging. About 1 in 5 people over 50 face this kind of ageism in the US.

Research shows that stereotypes about aging have a real impact on health. These negative beliefs can increase cognitive complaints and impair performance on cognitive exams, as well as affect physical performance, motor learning and driving performance.

The good news is the opposite is also true: Positive beliefs about aging can improve health.

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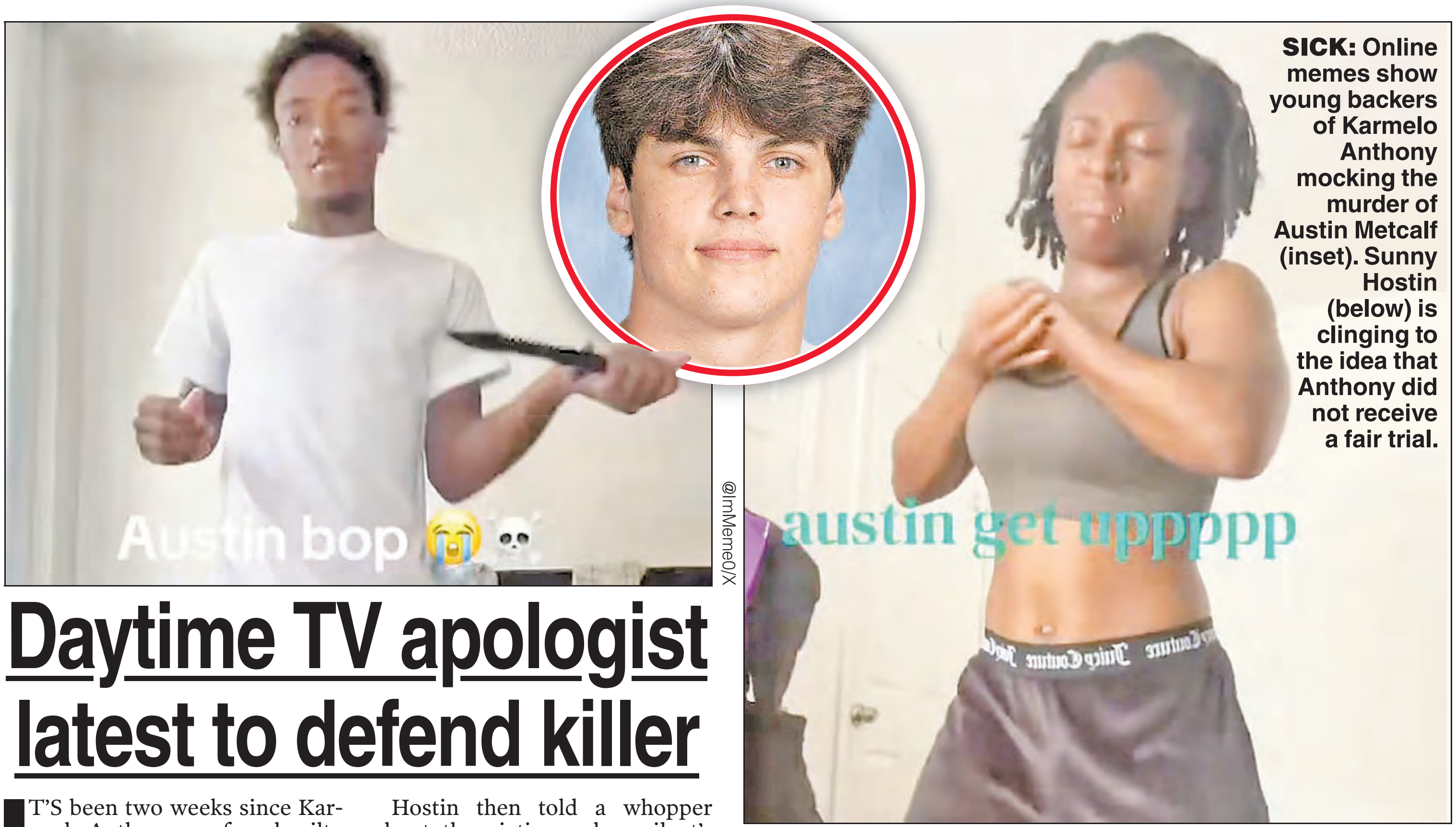
Lies in full 'View'



SICK: Online memes show young backers of Karmelo Anthony mocking the murder of Austin Metcalf (inset). Sunny Hostin (below) is clinging to the idea that Anthony did not receive a fair trial.

Daytime TV apologist latest to defend killer

KIRSTEN FLEMING

IT'S been two weeks since Karmelo Anthony was found guilty of murder, and the lies keep rolling out.

The 19-year-old fatally stabbed Austin Metcalf in April 2025, plunging a 3½-inch blade into his heart at a school track meet in Frisco, Texas. Austin, who was 17, died in the arms of his twin brother, Hunter. Anthony even admitted to a cop at the scene that he was the one who did it.

At trial, Anthony claimed self-defense, but a jury rejected it. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

But that's not good enough for Sunny Hostin of "The View," who always sees the world through a racial lens. Now she is clinging so tightly to the fantasy that Anthony was denied a fair trial because our country has a two-tiered system.

Yup, on Monday, she propped up her argument on a pedestal of outright falsehoods. Did this lady even read one single article about the trial?

First off, Hostin said Anthony was not judged by a jury of his peers because there were no black people on the jury. But a peer does not mean shared skin color.

To quote the old lady in that gem of an Esurance commercial, "That's not how this works. That's not how any of this works."

Hostin then told a whopper about the victim and assailant's weight disparities. She claimed that Metcalf, who weighed 200 pounds, was far more physically imposing than poor wee Anthony, weighing in at a mere 130.

To hell with facts

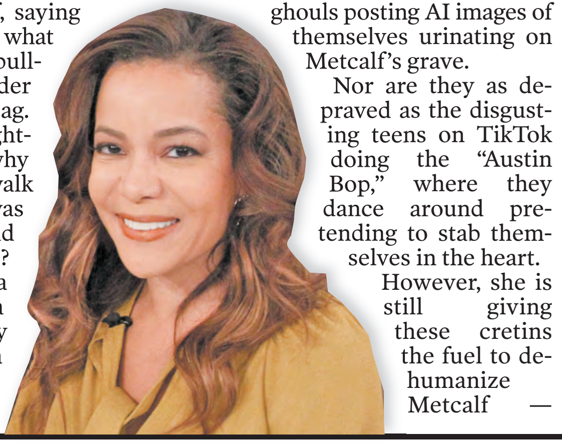
Look, I never worked at a carnival guessing people's weights, but Anthony was obviously much larger than that.

His online recruitment profiles list his height as 5-foot-11 and weight as 162 pounds.

The facts be damned, Hostin needed to recast Anthony as a meek victim, removing agency from him.

Witnesses testified that Anthony had provoked Metcalf, saying "touch me and see what happens" before pulling the murder weapon from his bag. If he was so frightened of Metcalf, why didn't he just walk away when he was asked to leave? And then grab an adult?

Instead, he met a shove with a deadly stab. Why did he even have a weapon at a school event?



Hostin also falsely claimed Anthony was the lone black person under Metcalf's team tent when the stabbing happened. But other black students present testified for the prosecution.

Keep in mind, Hostin was actually a federal prosecutor. And like Rep. Jasmine Crockett — who is also an attorney and who has also spread outright lies about this story — Hostin was willfully engaging in falsehoods to bolster her race case.

It's a sad state of affairs that a teenager murdered at a track meet has become the punching bag for cynical media figures.

Even worse

I'll give Hostin this. She and her "View" crew aren't as bad as the ghouls posting AI images of themselves urinating on Metcalf's grave.

Nor are they as depraved as the disgusting teens on TikTok doing the "Austin Bop," where they dance around pretending to stab themselves in the heart.

However, she is still giving these cretins the fuel to dehumanize Metcalf — and the material to build a fictional narrative that he was some brute bully who got what he deserved.

Hostin so desperately wants this to be a story about race, when it's really a two-part tragedy. One innocent boy unnecessarily lost his life at the hands of another boy who has terrible emotional regulation and impulse control. Perhaps we can blame his parents, whose first order of business was to hire a felon as a family representative.

With the exception of Anthony's mother telling the jury her son was "sorry," no one from their camp has expressed any remorse.

Meanwhile, Austin's father, Jeff, who was under a gag order until the end of the trial, is finally free to speak.

He's mourning one son and comforting his other — a kid who held his twin brother bleeding out. He's fighting lies about his precious slain boy.

It's a heavy lift to have to correct the record of idiots on the internet, never mind talent at ABC TV — which is supposedly bound by standards.

"People had their own opinions without even seeing the facts, and that's the part I have trouble with," Jeff told Fox News' Will Cain Monday.

The father has challenged "The View" to put him on the air. But no one is holding their breath.

Elite leftist lawyers jump in

A team of elite civil rights attorneys announced they will represent Karmelo Anthony in the appeal of his murder conviction for fatally stabbing fellow high school athlete Austin Metcalf.

Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe, veteran appellate attorney Russell Wilson, civil rights lawyer Brooke Cluse from Ben Crump Law, and others have joined forces in an effort to overturn Anthony's conviction and 35-year prison sentence, CBS News reported.

They will conduct an independent review of the trial to determine whether any errors occurred during the trial in their pursuit of an appeal, the lawyers said in their announcement on Monday. They will be working the case pro bono.

"Our appellate team has been retained following the conviction to conduct a fresh, independent review of the trial record," the group said in a statement.

"We recognize the profound loss suffered by one young man's family and the uncertainty facing another, and we extend our respect to everyone whose lives have been forever changed by these events."

Anthony, 19, was convicted of first-degree murder in Texas and sentenced to 35 years in prison earlier this month for fatally stabbing Metcalf, 17, at a high school track meet in Frisco, Texas, in April 2025.

He filed a notice of appeal less than 24 hours after the verdict.

Anthony, who is locked up in a Texas state prison, claimed in the filing that he is a "penniless, destitute, and indigent person, too poor to employ counsel to represent me on the appeal" — despite his family collecting $625,000 in crowdfunding for his legal defense and "living expenses."

An appeal does not necessarily mean he will face a new trial, and it could take several months for the appeal process to run its course. *Patrick Reilly*

E-bike foes 'anti' up vs. Mamdani

Suing over 'growing menace'

By HALEY BROWN

A group of New Yorkers injured by reckless e-bikers will sue the Mamdani administration — accusing the mayor of letting the growing menace to pedestrians run wild.

"No mayor has the power to suspend the laws the City Council and state Legislature passed to keep New Yorkers safe — yet that is exactly what this directive does, turning our sidewalks and crosswalks into a lawless free-for-all," said Jim Walden, chair of NYC Common Sense, which will file the suit alongside crash victims and Frank Morano, a Republican City Council member from Staten Island.

The legal challenge lands as community members on the Upper West Side accuse a powerful pro-bike, anti-car nonprofit — Transportation Alternatives, backed by major delivery companies — of overriding neighborhood concerns to drive a bike agenda that benefits Amazon and other corporate players more than local residents.

Manhattan's Community Board 7 voted at a June 2 meeting to endorse the Department of Transportation's plan for a two-way protected bike lane on West 72nd Street linking Central Park to the Hudson River Greenway — despite loud opposition from locals.

Board member Jay Adolf argued the board was ignoring its own constituency in favor of Transportation Alternatives, whose supporters arrived early and filled the limited seating.

"It's our job to represent the people in our community and our community is overwhelmingly concerned about this proposal," he said, announcing he would vote against the resolution.

About 80 people signed up to speak in favor of the redesign and around 60 against.

Transportation Alternatives has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from major delivery companies including Amazon, Uber, Lyft, Lime and UPS — firms that profit from fast, unimpeded e-bike and e-cargo trike delivery.

The fight over 72nd Street has brought into focus a wider backlash against dangerous e-bikes and lax enforcement — as pedestrians argue walkers are left in the crosshairs as delivery companies expand bike operations into every corner of the city.

Pamela Manasse, who lives on the north side of 72nd Street and is among those backing more e-bike enforcement, said she was left paralyzed on her right side after an e-vehicle crash.

"Protected bike lanes protect no one when riders speed and go barreling the wrong way," Manasse said. "These are not bikes. These are motorized vehicles."

'Sperm pol' fake AI posts

A perennial candidate and serial sperm donor used phony AI-generated endorsements to try to scam his way into a City Council seat, Queens prosecutors said Wednesday.

Jonathan Rinaldi, 47 — a k a the "Sperminator" because he claims to have fathered at least 12 children as a sperm donor — was arraigned on three counts of forgery and 15 counts of possession of a forged instrument for posting false articles purporting to be from The Post and other news outlets, prosecutors said.

Rinaldi allegedly started the scam shortly after announcing he was running for the District 29 seat in Queens last year, posting on social media phony AI news accounts and endorsements.

On Oct. 20, 2025, he used the Queens Jewish Alliance logo to falsely claim the organization backed his run. *Kevin Sheehan and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

TOP ERIC

By JOE MARINO, CRAIG McCARTHY, KYLE SCHNITZER and PRISCILLA DeGREGORY

U.S. Attorney's Office

Ex-Mayor Eric Adams' former top adviser and political power broker was arrested Wednesday, and authorities raided the homes of several ex-NYPD officials as part of multiple corruption probes.

Frank Carone, 56, whose home also was searched by the feds, was arrested in an alleged bribery scheme that also involved his brother Anthony Carone, 54, according to police sources.

Separately, the FBI seized former chief of department Jeff Maddrey's phone, sources said.

And the NYPD and FBI seized phones from Assistant Chief James McCarthy, and the NYPD's former top spokesperson Tarik Sheppard in connection with an NYPD internal affairs investigation though it wasn't immediately clear what the underlying allegations are, sources said.

McCarthy has been placed on modified duty, according to the NYPD.

'$120,000 in bribes'

Carone was hit with a 13-count indictment unsealed Wednesday alleging that while serving as Adams' chief of staff in 2022 he received $120,000 in bribes funneled through his brother's law firm that he used to pay off his credit cards.

Frank received 12 monthly $10,000 payments from Yan Po "Andy" Zhu, who owned Microtel Inn by Wyndham in Long Island City, and from Zhu's business manager Crystal Chen after he helped the hotel clinch a $6.825 million one-year contract to run a migrant shelter at their establishment, the court papers allege.

Zhu, 51, and Chen, 39, — both Chinese nationals living in Nassau County — had initially tried and failed to secure the lucrative contract, with the Department of Social Services (DSS) rejecting them because the city already enlisted several other nearby hotels as migrant shelters, including one across from Microtel.

The 75-room Microtel was half the size of the hotels usually contracted to operate as shelters — which would force the city to have to make up the difference with another hotel, the filing claims.

The DSS also didn't want to open up another facility in the area since they were already receiving pushback from residents and local politicians, the court papers said.

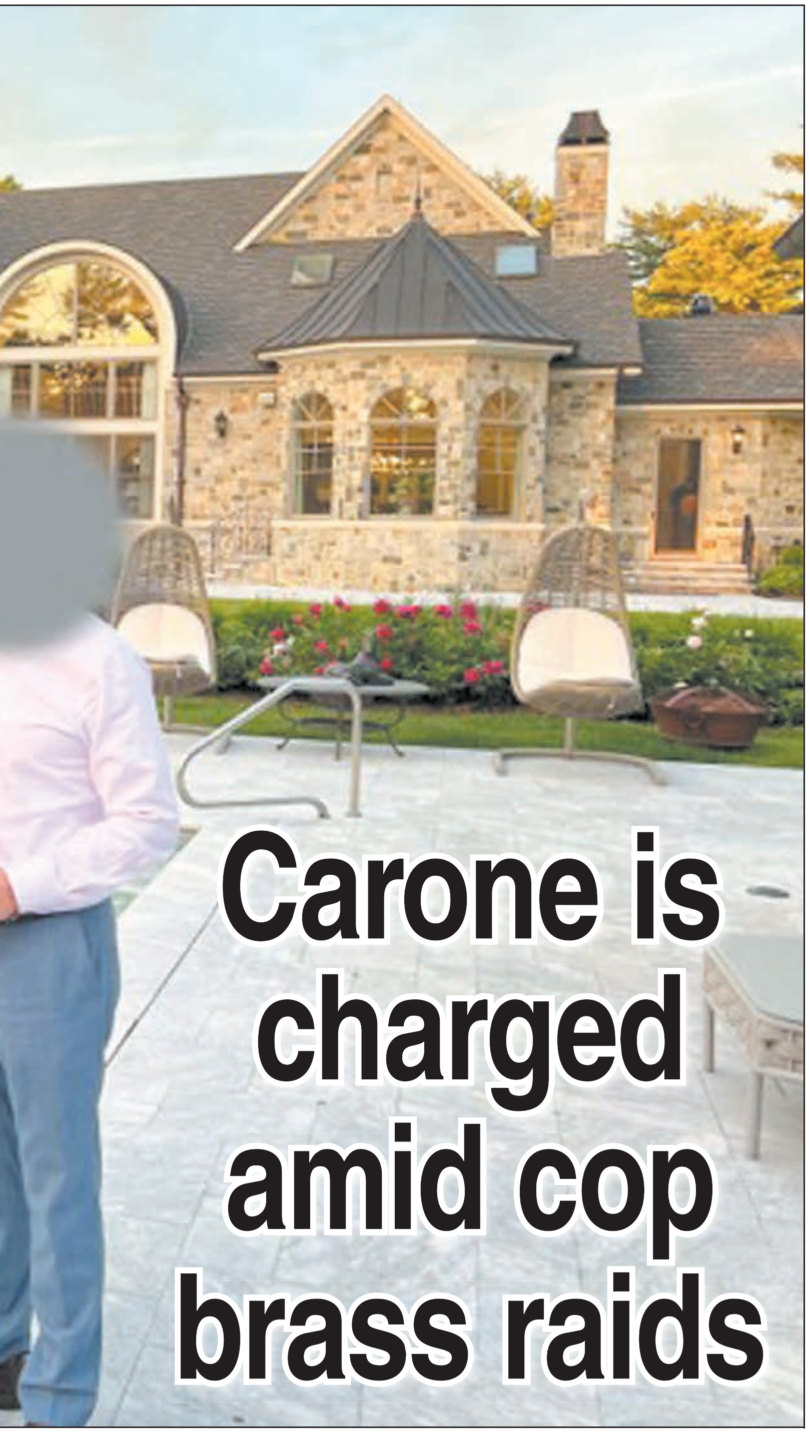
Then Zhu "leveraged his burgeoning personal relationship with" Carone — even having him over to his home several times to ask for help pushing the contract through, the indictment alleges.

Starting around June 14, 2022, Carone began using "his official position to intercede on Microtel's behalf," the court documents allege. By November of that year, the city contract with Microtel finally went through, the filing says.

Each time Zhu asked Carone or his brother for help securing the contract, Frank Carone would ask the commissioner of the DSS to intervene and the commissioner did so several times, having underlings go against their prior determinations that it was "not a viable location," the docs claim.

One internal DSS message said: "This is a proposed hotel conver-

AIDE BRIBE BUST



Carone is charged amid cop brass raids

Frank Carone

‘GRAFTY’: Frank Carone (above right with former boss Eric Adams) allegedly took $120,000 in bribes from developer Yan Po Zhu (far left, pictured with Carone at his ritzy Long Island mansion) to steer a $6.8 million city contract for a migrant shelter to Zhu. Carone’s brother and Zhu also face charges.

sion that has been brought to us many times. We have consistently told them no because it is directly next to [a different] shelter.”

By Oct. 1, 2022, Zhu, of Glen Head, NY, and Chen, of East Williston, NY, “began making a series of monthly payments” to Frank Carone by sending the money to a firm where Anthony Carone was a partner.

The commissioner in a text to the former Adams aide on Oct. 4, 2022, told him the hotel wasn’t the right location but “nevertheless advised subordinate officials at DSS to award an emergency shelter contract to Microtel,” and the hotel was given the contract by Nov. 1, 2022, the indictment says.

Accused deny claims

The Carones, Zhu and Chen are variously charged with conspiracy, federal program bribery, honest services wire fraud, money laundering conspiracy, obstruction of justice and subscribing to a false tax return. They each face up to 20 years behind bars if convicted.

Each appeared in Brooklyn federal court Wednesday afternoon, and all were freed on costly bonds.

Carone put up his $4.7 million Boca Raton house to cover his $2 million bond, while Zhu was hit with an $8 million bond.

Frank Carone’s lawyers Andrew Goldstein and Russell Capone said the allegations were “utterly misguided.”

“Frank Carone served the City of New York honorably,” the statement said. “He was instrumental in helping the city navigate an unprecedented migrant crisis, but had absolutely nothing to do with granting the temporary migrant shelter at the center of these charges.”

The arrests of the current and former members of the NYPD stem from a probe of former Chief of Department Maddrey’s alleged misappropriation of funds, with the FBI called in to assist in the investigation.

Sources said cops are looking into potential bribery and other official misconduct by former high-ranking police officials, including potential wrongdoing in how promotions and assignments were doled out.

‘Past scandals’

The FBI conducted the raid on Maddrey’s home while the NYPD conducted the searches of the other department officials targeted in the investigation.

Maddrey’s lawyer told The Post that his client “fully cooperated” with the search and said they believed he was being probed for a connection to the Carone allegations and not allegations of overtime fraud.

“We intend to fully cooperate and assist in any way we are asked by law enforcement,” defense attorney Lambros Lambrou said. “We have no information and do not believe that Maddrey is or was a subject of the investigation which led to the arrests today.”

Allegations of criminal wrongdoing have long dogged Frank Carone, who served as Adams’ chief of staff for his first year in office in 2022.

The first federal case he was tangled in stemmed from accusations surrounding a Brooklyn church and Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello.

The feds slapped Gigantiello and Carone with subpoenas connected to the church’s finances in 2024.

Maddrey, meanwhile, was forced to resign from the department in late 2024 amid a sexual scandal in which he was accused of forcing an underling to perform intimate favors in exchange for overtime.

McCarthy also previously had his phone seized by the feds, along with a number of other top NYPD officials.

Adams’ spokesperson, Todd Shapiro, lauded Carone’s career in a statement Wednesday.

“Frank Carone has dedicated decades of his life to public service, the legal profession, and helping countless individuals, businesses, and charitable organizations throughout New York,” the statement said.

“This is an ongoing legal matter and my prayers are with his family.”

‘Mansion’ bond

Ex-Mayor Eric Adams’ top adviser used his multimillion-dollar Florida mansion to secure a seven-figure bond after he was busted on sprawling fraud allegations — as court papers revealed desperate ways the alleged cronies tried to keep investigators at bay.

Frank Carone, 56, put up his $4.7 million Boca Raton beach house to cover the $2 million bond after he was arrested Wednesday, and was released under stiff terms restricting his travel to New York and Florida.

Carone’s own brother — 54-year-old Anthony Carone — was also arrested for allegedly funneling the cash from the hotelier — Yan Po “Andy” Zhu — through his law firm under “sham retainer agreements,” according to an indictment from the US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

All of the defendants posted bail — including 51-year-old Zhu, who faced an $8 million bond and Zhu’s hotel business manager, 39-year-old Crystal Chen.

Carone denied the charges, with his attorney Arthur Aidala calling the charges a “Frankenstein indictment” after a court appearance Wednesday.

Leaving the Brooklyn federal courthouse Carone dodged questions, but did offer one insight about his plans.

“I’m just hoping I have a nice dinner tonight,” he said.

Kyle Schnitzer

Nam picture blurs

Film opens 'credit' wounds

By MICHAEL KAPLAN

It is one of the most visceral war photographs of all time: A naked, crying nine-year-old girl, her arms outstretched and her face contorted with pain in the aftermath of a napalm attack.

It's hailed as the most famous image of the Vietnam conflict and won a Pulitzer Prize following publication in 1972 for photographer "Nick" Huynh Cong Ut.

But a documentary now claims the Associated Press has been deceived about who took the frame for over 50 years.

Adding fuel to movie's theories, it was nominated for four News & Documentary Emmy Awards, including "Outstanding Investigative Documentary," this year.

There is no question Ut was on the scene and shooting pictures of the girl in question, later revealed to be named Kim Phuc, now 63.

But Netflix documentary "The Stringer: The Man Who Took the Photo" alleges it was actually a freelance photographer named Nguyen Thành Nghe who took the famed photo, and he was paid just $20 as a "stringer" by the agency for submitting his pictures.

Behind the lens

The documentary claims Horst Faas, the AP's photo director in Saigon, recognized the photo's iconic potential and insisted it be falsely credited to Ut, so the agency and their staff photographer would take all the credit.

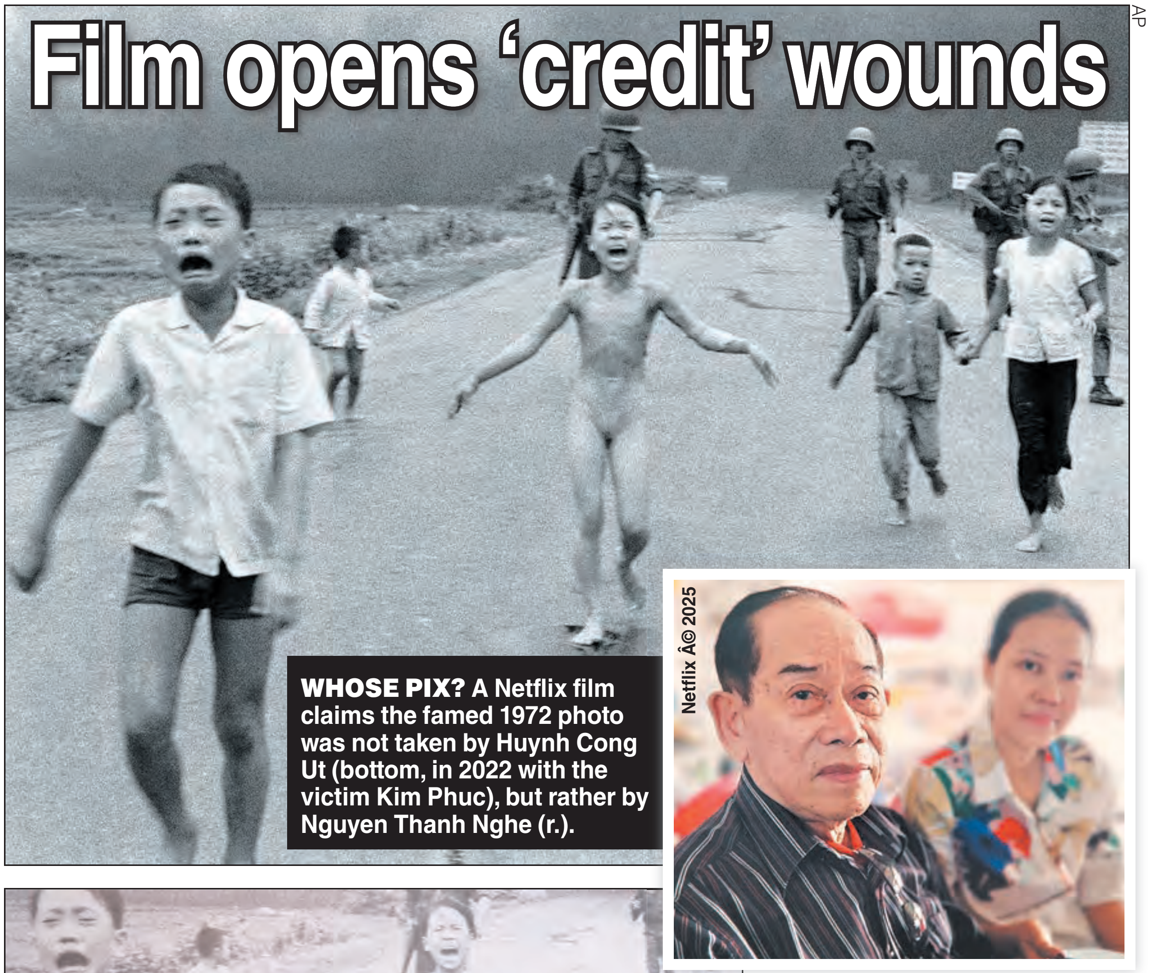
The photo, officially called "Terror of War," was taken around seven years after US ground troops started fighting in the war on June 8, 1972. South Vietnamese soldiers had napalmed the village of Trang Bàng, thinking North Vietnamese troops were hiding it in, but instead hit civilians on their own side.

Phúc was fleeing, her back burning from the after-effects of the chemical bombing.

Ut was 21 at the time and was working for AP in Saigon, following in the footsteps of his brother, who also worked for the wire service and had been killed in 1965. Another brother, who was in the military, was also killed in combat.

He maintains that, without question, he took the picture.

"These accusations strike at the very core of who I am. My entire career has been built on telling the truth, often at great personal risk," he said in a public statement this year.



AP

Netflix Â© 2025

WHOSE PIX? A Netflix film claims the famed 1972 photo was not taken by Huynh Cong Ut (bottom, in 2022 with the victim Kim Phuc), but rather by Nguyen Thanh Nghe (r.).

Pier Marco Tacca

Questions first emerged in December 2022 when Gary Knight, producer of "The Stringer" and a highly regarded photojournalist, was contacted by Carl Robinson, a former photo editor in the AP Saigon office.

Robinson, around 80 at the time, stated Nick Ut did not take the "Napalm Girl" photo, as it is colloquially known. "It was weighing on my shoulders for all those years," he told The Post. "I had flashbacks every time the picture would appear. When the 50th anniversary came around in 2022, it was all over the news. I really wanted to tell Nghe that I was sorry."

Robinson was working under Faas in '72. He claimed his take-charge boss ordered him to alter the photo credit before the image — which Robinson initially feared would be unpublishable since it depicted a naked child — went out over the wire to newspapers around the world.

"I looked over my shoulder, [toward] the notebook where all the film had been logged in, to get the stringer's name," Robinson added.

"That's when Horst leaned down into my right ear and said, 'Make it Nick Ut.' " Robinson, who did not want to cross Faas, told The Post he did as he was told.

All about reputation

Nghe had been working for NBC, which was located next to AP's offices. Ut did not cooperate with the documentary and has launched a defamation lawsuit against Netflix and Knight in a French court, claiming he is being libeled by the movie.

"It accuses Nick of having built his reputation and fame on a picture he knew he didn't take. That he built his reputation fraudulently, that's the essence of the defamation," Ut's lawyer, James Hornstein, told The Post. The trial is scheduled to start in Feb. 2027.

As for Phúc, she still bares scars from the attack. She studied in Cuba and lives near Toronto with her husband.

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12 yrs. for subway slasher

The raggedy slasher accused of knifing a 48-year-old man in a Hell's Kitchen subway was hit with 12 years in state prison, as prosecutors revealed chilling new details of the attack.

Orsen Reyes, 23, sat before Judge Althea Drysdale in Manhattan Supreme Court looking unkempt while wearing a white bandana under his knotted hair as he heard the sentence for his December 2024 attack.

Before the sentence was handed down, Manhattan prosecutors revealed Reyes "repeatedly" stomped on his victim's head and pulled his legs toward the train tracks during the incident.

Reyes, a Washington Heights native, knifed the unnamed victim on the northbound C platform in the Manhattan station before he allegedly quietly snuck off, the NYPD said.

The slasher made it to the 59th Street-Columbus Circle station, where he was arrested, according to photos.

Reyes was arrested with blood covering his sneakers and hands, photos revealed.

A jury unanimously found the first-time offender guilty on all charges, including his top charge, attempted murder. He was held until his sentencing.

Greg Carlton

Nancy case arrest 'near'

Officials investigating Nancy Guthrie's disappearance are closing in on the "porch guy" spotted on the missing 84-year-old's security camera, according to a former FBI agent.

Maureen O'Connell told "Megyn Kelly Show" listeners Tuesday that she is "75%" certain authorities are "getting close to" the individual seen on Savannah Guthrie's mom's porch the night she disappeared.

O'Connell predicted that, when the person is detained, the "floodgates shall swing open."

Kelly replied, "That's huge — big if true, as the kids say." *Riley Cardoza*

‘Failed’ parents ‘killed’ tot

A little girl was so badly neglected at her family’s disgusting upstate New York home that she contracted a deadly lice infestation and was later found with rotting teeth — leading an enraged judge to throw the book at her disgraced parents.

Joycelynn Ann Dylewski, 3, was killed by the squalid conditions inside her parents’ — Matthew Dylewski, 34, and Samantha Dylewski, 33 (above) — Corinth apartment on Feb. 19, 2025, after investigators found bugs on her face and scalp, the outlet reported.

A cockroach even fell out of her winter hat when it was removed from her head. And an investigator also reportedly found her teeth “rotten and black.”

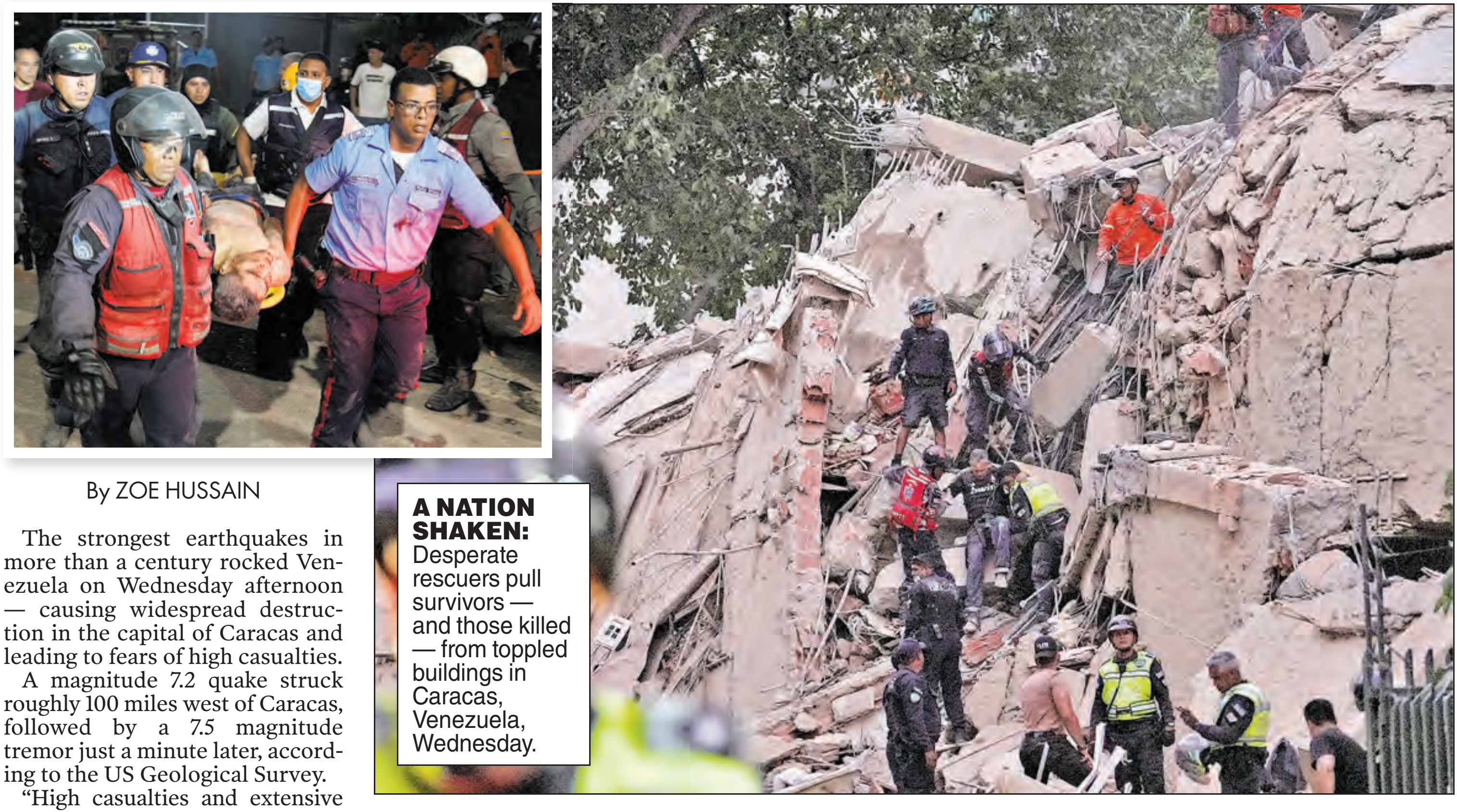
“You failed as a parent,” Saratoga County Judge James Davis told Matthew Dylewski Monday as he slapped him with a 16-month-to-four-year prison sentence, the Times Union reported.

The little girl was diagnosed with anemia, which damaged her heart and organs due to the lice and was also dosed with a blood pressure medication, clonidine, Saratoga County Sheriff Jeffrey Brown reportedly said.

The combination of those factors led to her death, according to the Times Union. *David Propper*

Worst Venez. quakes in century

100K DEATH TOLL FEARED



A NATION SHAKEN: Desperate rescuers pull survivors — and those killed — from toppled buildings in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday.

AFP/Getty

By ZOE HUSSAIN

The strongest earthquakes in more than a century rocked Venezuela on Wednesday afternoon — causing widespread destruction in the capital of Caracas and leading to fears of high casualties.

A magnitude 7.2 quake struck roughly 100 miles west of Caracas, followed by a 7.5 magnitude tremor just a minute later, according to the US Geological Survey.

“High casualties and extensive damage are probable, and the disaster is likely widespread.”

The USGS initially estimated the death toll at 10,000 to 100,000 casualties, though authorities have not yet put out official estimates on deaths or injuries.

Chaotic footage posted to social media captured terrified people scrambling to safety and shielding their families as ceiling panels collapsed and sparks flew at Maiquetia International Airport.

Players, fans shaken

Videos also showed baseball players and onlookers running into the field of a game in Caracas as the quake hit, shaking power lines and stadium seats.

Emergency responders were forced to climb through the ruins of collapsed buildings as distraught residents searched for their loved ones into Wednesday evening.

Many buildings, including those in Caracas, appeared to be decimated or significantly damaged.

Furniture and rubble were piled on the streets as homeowners stood outside in shock.

The massive geological event occurred as many Venezuelans were at home celebrating Battle of Carabobo Day, a public holiday marking the 1821 victory that helped secure the country’s independence from Spain.

“As soon as it started, we began hearing people screaming,” Astrid Ramirez, a 41-year-old publicist in western Caracas, told Reuters. “Everyone was running down the stairs.”

Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello said the earthquake shook several states. “We understand that some people may be desperate, but we are acting according to protocols to activate aid and rescue efforts to help those who need it most,” Cabello said on state television. “Be very careful with children and the elderly; call each other and check that no one has been harmed.”

The US Tsunami Warning System issued a tsunami threat for Puerto Rico and the US and British Virgin Islands after the quakes.

But the warning was withdrawn about an hour later.

The quakes are among the strongest to strike Venezuela in more than a century.

The nation lies in a seismically active zone, where the Caribbean Plate meets the South American Plate.

Roughly 30,000 people were killed when an earthquake destroyed much of Merida and Caracas in March 1812, according to the USG.. *With Wires*

‘Teen grope’ suspect busted

The Staten Island man who over the weekend allegedly lured a 14-year-old girl from a bus stop and on a 5-mile cab ride before groping her has been arrested, authorities said.

Lowman Venable, 46, who has a rap sheet listing 20 previous arrests, was busted Monday and charged with attempted kidnapping, forcible touching, endangering the welfare of a child and unlawful imprisonment in the Saturday ordeal, according to cops and prosecutors.

He was on the loose for two days until cops spotted him drinking alcohol on the street Monday morning, prosecutors said.

He has since been ordered held on $75,000 bail or $150,000 bond. *Amanda Woods*

Evolving mice squeaking by

The city’s rodents are winning the rat race: they’re evolving to become smarter than their biggest predators, humans.

Mice are building immunity against household pesticides, while rats are figuring out how to escape deadly traps, according to a study published this month.

“They have adapted to human strategy, which means we have to understand more and we have to become much smarter than them,” Jin-Jia Yu, a fellow at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, told The Post.

Yu found 70% of house mice had a genetic mutation that rendered anticoagulant poisons useless, and rats have figured out how to avoid snap and sticky traps. *Katherine Donlevy*

Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

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♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)

There can be no half measures between now and the weekend. If you slow down for even a moment, you run the risk of being passed by your rivals, so keep going and don't stop until you cross the finishing line ahead of the rest.

♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)

You may not be the most sensitive member of the zodiac, but you can tell when someone is feeling low and will do your utmost to cheer up a friend or family member over the next 24 hours. They will love you for it all the more.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Don't waste your time trying to appeal to the better side of someone's nature today, because they are in no mood to be nice. You don't have to be nasty to them in return, of course, but it might be smart to keep some distance between you.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

If you have any spare cash in your pocket today, you will be tempted to spend it on something that is both frivolous and fun. It's your money and you can do with it what you please, but maybe you should set yourself a spending limit.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

What you learn from an unexpected source may surprise you but later on you will look back and realize you should have seen it coming. Don't beat yourself up about it, though, because you still see further and deeper than most people.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You know better than to try to run away from a difficult situation, but someone you are close to, a friend or family member, seems determined to ignore the reality of their predicament. Help them to accept what needs to be done.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

A friendship could be developing into something more personal and what occurs over the next 24 hours will determine whether it becomes a raging love affair or whether it continues along a more platonic path. Either way, it will be fun.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You need to be diplomatic when dealing with people who, to say the least, are a bit thin-skinned. It may be tempting to say something you know will upset them but hopefully the better angels of your nature will hold you back.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Don't waste your time on senseless worries, just get out into the world and have as much fun as is humanly possible. This is very much your time of year, a time when the universe wants you to enjoy all the good things in life.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)

Your financial situation is probably not as bleak as you seem to imagine, so stop fretting about where your next dollar is coming from and start doing more with your talents. Think of ways to make new technology work for you personally.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)

Make use of the last few days of Mars in your sign to push ahead with a project that really should have been finished by now. There is still time to complete it to a very high standard, but you cannot afford to waste any more time.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)

There is no point getting upset about an issue that is beyond your ability to influence even slightly, still less control. Accept that your options are limited and focus on something you can have an impact on, such as your most special relationship.

BIRTHDAY THURSDAY

A Venus-Saturn link on your birthday means you have what it takes to impress important people on both a personal and a professional level. If you can get them to trust you with extra responsibility, the financial rewards could be huge.

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Thursday

Today: Partly sunny. High 78 to 84.

Tonight: A shower and t-storm. Low 65 to 71.

Friday

Tomorrow: A couple of morning showers. High 79 to 85.

Tomorrow night: Humid; showers around late. Low 65 to 71.

Saturday

A few showers. High 74 to 80.

Evening
Humid. Low 64 to 70.

Sunday

Warmer. High 82 to 88.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 67 to 73.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 82, Low: 64, Mean: 73

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 2.98",
Year: 17.41", Normal year to date: 22.93"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 8
Total for the month (normal) 198 (164)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 336 (245)
Last year to date 250
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 78
UV index (for Thu.) .... 11 (Extreme)
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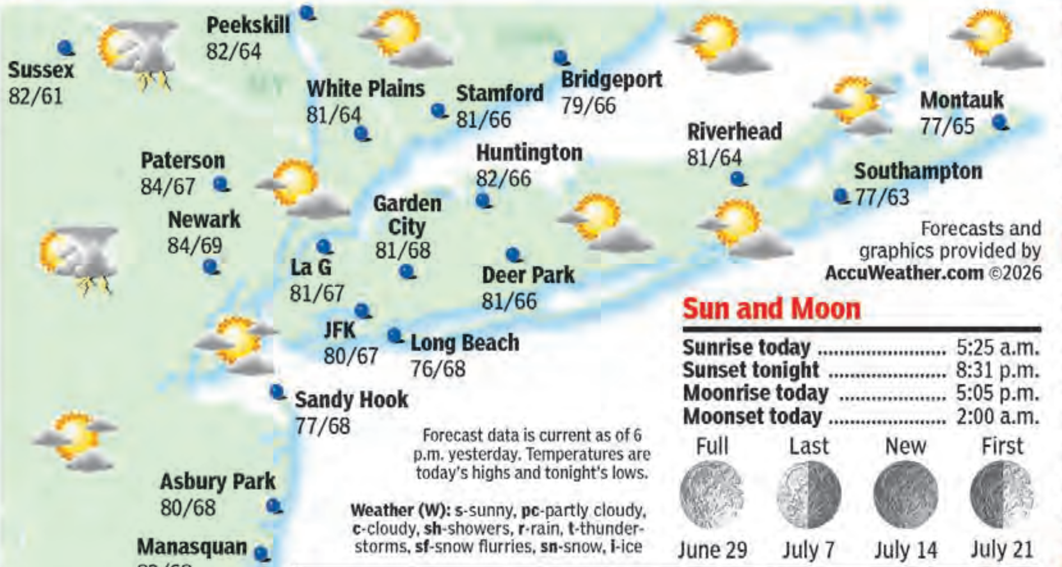
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Sun and Moon

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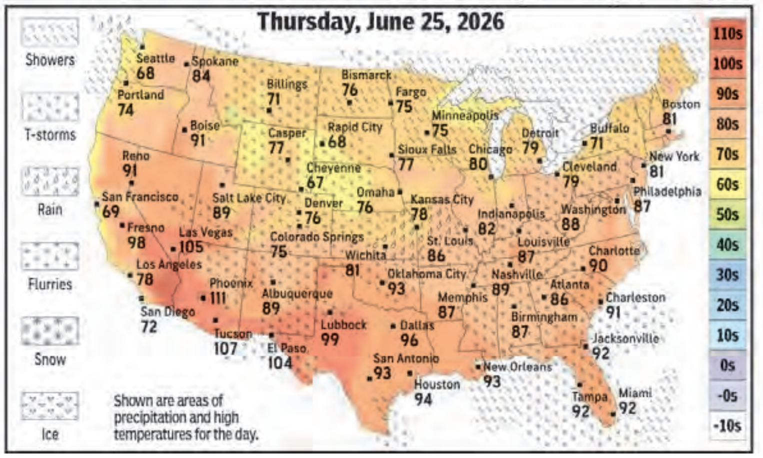
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Huntington	9:07a	9:20p	9:59a	10:07p
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Liberty	75/58/t	78/58/sh
Monticello	78/61/t	79/60/sh
Newburgh	83/64/t	83/61/sh
Poughkeepsie	83/64/t	83/63/sh
Saratoga Springs	76/60/t	79/58/sh
Stroudsburg	83/61/t	82/63/sh
Torrington	80/61/t	80/60/sh
Syracuse	72/62/t	77/58/sh

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
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Baghdad	108/86/s	109/81/s
Beijing	88/63/s	90/65/pc
Berlin	94/62/s	95/68/s
Cairo	95/74/s	96/74/pc
Dublin	80/63/pc	79/62/t
Geneva	94/68/c	95/67/c
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Rio de Janeiro	70/68/r	75/69/c
Rome	91/71/pc	90/71/s
Sydney	63/52/sh	61/53/sh
Tokyo	73/67/r	81/73/r

Jail for cop-kill partner

The accomplice of the cowardly career criminal who gunned down heroic NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller was hit with a five-year prison sentence Wednesday, ending the tragic case.

Lindy Jones, 43, clutched a Quran as he walked into Queens Supreme Court to plead guilty to a felony gun rap tied to the March 25, 2024, shooting death of the beloved cop.

"No sentence will bring back Jonathan," NYPD PBA President Patrick Hendry told reporters. "The pain will never go away for this family. But there's some comfort in this individual staying in jail where he belongs.

"It's not enough," he added. "But this individual is taking responsibility, and he will stay behind bars, where he belongs."

Jones was behind the wheel of a Kia Soul when Diller and his partners approached the suspicious vehicle in Far Rockaway, moments before cop-killer Guy Rivera opened fire on the officers.

Diller, a married father, was struck and fatally wounded while Rivera and Jones were busted.

Police found a loaded 9mm handgun in the glove compartment and hit Jones with weapons charges.

Kevin Sheehan and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

Subway push creep hunt

Cops are searching for a wacko who shoved an elderly straphanger onto the platform of a Manhattan subway station earlier this month.

A 65-year-old man was on board a northbound 1 train at the 28th Street subway station at around 1:20 a.m. June 2 when the unidentified man pushed him off the train and onto the platform, the NYPD said Tuesday.

The victim was rushed to a hospital in stable condition after suffering a head injury and multiple facial fractures in the freak attack, police said.

The shover then fled, according to police.

Zoe Hussain

DSNY collects swiped Knicks can

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TRASH BIN TO HELL & BACK

By GEORGETT ROBERTS and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

The bonehead Knicks fan who went viral for stealing a team-theme city trash can has returned the stolen goods, and was slapped with $175 in fines for the dirty deed.

"Home sweet home," the Sanitation Department wrote on X next to a picture of the returned basket. "Welcome back! We missed you!"

The orange and blue receptacle was pilfered after an "incredibly stupid" fan, identified by sources as recently axed JPMorgan Chase exec Angie Baez, dumped the trash in it onto Broadway and walked off with the city-owned bin, department officials told The Post.

The new photo on X showed the trash bin outside what appeared to be Sanitation offices.

BASKET CASE: A Knicks-themed city trash can is back at the Department of Sanitation after it was swiped by ex-JPMorgan Chase exec Angie Baez (left), who returned it and paid a fine after the stunt went viral.

"Yes, this is the same basket that was in the video," department spokesman Vincent Gragnani said.

"It was returned to us, we removed two stickers from it, and took the photo ourselves at our Worth Street Headquarters — no AI used."

Gragnani said Baez turned over the stolen goods herself, and was hit with a $75 fine for littering and $100 for impeding DSNY operations, the max allowed by law.

The high-profile theft went viral after a video posted on X captured Baez, fully decked out in Knicks gear, dump the trash on the sidewalk and walk away with the spoils.

Cheer madness

She was later snapped on the subway still lugging the basket.

Baez, 40, did not answer the door at her Harlem home and did not return calls from The Post.

JPMorgan Chase, where Baez worked as executive director of community and industry engagement, confirmed this week that, "the employee is no longer with the company."

The victory parade marked a citywide celebration for the Knicks, who won their first NBA title in 53 years by defeating the San Antonio Spurs in five games.

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Qns. White Castle ends 87-yr. reign

A White Castle that's been serving customers in Queens for nearly nine decades shut its doors Wednesday, marking the end of one of the city's longest-running restaurants.

The fast-food joint on 57th Avenue in Elmhurst — which opened in 1939 — has been sold and the property will likely be turned into an apartment building, restaurant manager Elsa Lima told the Queens Chronicle.

"This location is closed. It was our pleasure to serve you," said a banner that draped over the building, advising customers to visit its nearest locations in Brooklyn and Sunnyside.

The restaurant's dining room was nearly empty, with only a large soda machine and pieces of kitchen equipment occupying the space Tuesday night.

White Castle, which owns over 25 locations across New York, said the family-owned company decided to sell the beloved Queens spot as the property's value skyrocketed.

"As the value increases, it makes business sense for us to listen closely to a prospective buyer," Chief Marketing Officer Jamie Richardson told the outlet.

The closure has shocked locals who viewed the fast-food joint as a fixture.

Elmhurst resident James McMenamin said it marks "the end of an era."

It was "a familiar recognizable spot on the landscape that evoked nostalgia, in a radically and quickly being altered Queens Boulevard," he told the outlet. *Richard Pollina*

Killer's depraved whining

In a conversation with her mother, the baby-snatching Texas killer dismissed murdering her pregnant pal as just "one horrible thing."

In jail phone calls obtained by The Sun, Taylor Parker, 33, who is on death row for the 2020 killing of Reagan Simmons-Hancock, whined to Shona Prior about her jail cell, not being able to wear makeup in court, and not being able to speak to her children.

"Mom, they would charge me with s--tting on a fly right now if they could, literally, that's what it comes down to," Parker complained between 2021 and 2022. "I mean, it's like [you do] one horrible thing, they'll do anything and whatever."

Parker stabbed the victim 100 times and removed her baby from the womb after faking her own pregnancy for months. *Chris Bradford*

IT'S MY 'TREAT'

American Dreamers

Immigs' kid became doc

Through July 4, The Post, in conjunction with the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream, is featuring US citizens explaining what the American dream means to them in 2026. Among them is Felix Feng, Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco.

THE American dream for me means the freedom to investigate, pursue, study, chase — whatever you want. I think that everyone's dream is different, and that's what's special about the American dream: that my dream is different than my neighbor's, but that we both have the chance to pursue it.

For me, personally, as a doctor who treats cancer, my dream is studying, investigating different ways to cure cancer.

My family is originally from China. My grandparents on my father's side, my paternal grandfather, was a factory owner in China. My maternal grandfather was a general in the Chinese army, and when the Communist revolution occurred, both of them had to leave China. So, they fled to Taiwan.

My parents moved from Taiwan to the United States to pursue their graduate degrees. My father studied chemical engineering and my mother studied library science. My parents raised both my sister and I with a big emphasis on education, basically developing ourselves into, for me, a doctor, for my sister, a lawyer. They sacrificed a lot for the purposes of our education.

They had much more comfortable lives in Taiwan, but I think that part of the reason they came here was to chase that American dream, to give us the freedom to be open and broad in the ways in which we approached life; not only academic freedom, but political freedom.

As a researcher, as a physician, I think quite a bit about the sacrifices they made for me to be able to pursue this dream. I've been able to make contributions to advancing prostate cancer, not only in the laboratory, but also in the clinic.

I think that the American dream will always flourish as long as there are people who dream big, who chase those dreams, who have the freedom to chase those dreams.

The American Dream Video Project showcases real stories that illuminate pathways to opportunity. Featured at the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD), this series is part of the Center's celebration of America's 250th anniversary. For more information, visit mcaad.org.

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GLAD TO BE HERE: Felix Feng's grandparents fled China.

Doctor assists kid death

A terminally ill child under the age of 12 was euthanized in the Netherlands for the first time, two years after a major change to the country's assisted dying laws came into force.

Dutch Health Minister Sophie Hermans said the "incurably ill" child died last year, but didn't reveal details about their age or illness during her annual report to the House of Representatives on Monday, according to NOS.

Prosecutors will now decide whether the doctor involved in the case acted legally, Hermans said.

The Dutch government legalized euthanasia for severely ill children between the ages of 1 and 12 in 2024.

"Euthanasia is only allowed for patients whose unbearable suffering with no prospect of improvement," the government says. *Chris Bradford*

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Mystery Drone

US flyer's 'jellyfish' report flags new dangers

DAVID HAMBLING

THIS week's report of a downed US pilot's encounter with "jellyfish drones" in the skies over Iran set off a vigorous defense debate — and foreshadows future dangers.

A source told CNN the F-15 pilot described seeing "multiple drones interconnected and moving as one, with smaller drones below the bigger drones like legs" before the jet crashed. "Real alien sh-t," as the pilot put it.

But experts are divided about what exactly the pilot saw, and whether it represents a new type of threat. The description is highly reminiscent of previous sightings of what looked like giant aerial jellyfish over both Iraq and Afghanistan.

One of these, filmed near Al Taqaddum Air Base in Iraq in 2017, was originally reported as a UFO — but a Pentagon investigation concluded that it was a cluster of metallic balloons. Another video, apparently taken by a Reaper drone in Afghanistan in 2024, showed a similar multi-balloon arrangement — a sight so weird that some took it to be a UFO, but on closer examination turned out to be entirely earthly.

Many militaries use balloons — sometimes single huge weather balloons, sometimes clusters or trains of smaller balloons — to carry sensors for intelligence gathering.

Perhaps the most famous example of this is 1947's Project Mogul, a highly classified US effort aimed at detecting the stratospheric echoes of Soviet nuclear tests. When debris from a Project Mogul balloon train was found near Roswell, NM, the military initially claimed it was a crashed flying saucer — spawning an entire industry.

Those recently spotted Middle East jellyfish balloon clusters were likely carrying electronic surveillance devices or other sensors, and may have been of Iranian origin. But given the F-15 pilot's specific mention of drones, we shouldn't dismiss this sighting as a balloon cluster, despite the obvious similarity.

A lot is riding on the word "interconnected" in the service member's testimony. If it means the drones were physically interconnected with wires strung between them, this sounds like a reinvention of the barrage balloon concept used to protect cities in World War II.

Iranian Army

Iran's array: Tehran showed off its Mass Flight drone tech in 2021.

These giant tethered blimps were strung together with wires, creating an impassable obstacle to low-flying bombers. A similar arrangement using drones could create an airborne barrier against incoming aircraft and missiles.

However, "interconnected" could refer to electronic links that had the drones flying in formation in a giant jellyfish-like shape. That's simple enough for light-show drones: Thousands of them, pre-programmed and with a central controller, can form shifting shapes of symbols, dragons, words or anything else — including, yes, jellyfish.

The type of controls used by light-show drones are easily jammed, so they're impractical in a military environment. But many militaries, including the US, are working on swarming drone capabilities, typically using secure mesh radio systems. In a swarm, a group of autonomous drones work together and fly in formation without the need for the central control and planned choreography light-show drones require.

The F-15 pilot also described an apparent "minefield of drones" in the air, which aligns with the WWII barrage balloon tactic. Armed drones are much too slow to catch an agile jet fighter — but a mass of them spreading out can cover a large section of the sky.

A jet flying through the formation risks catastrophic damage if it gets close to one that detonates. In 2021 Russian drone maker ZALA described using wide-spaced interceptor drones to create an aerial minefield impossible to pass through.

Some have suggested that the pilot, who suffered a concussion in the crash, must have been mistaken about what he saw. This would certainly be convenient.

But the Iranians have a long history of military drone development, and Tehran has become a major drone exporter. The thousands of Shahed drones that Russia flings at Ukraine's cities were designed in Iran.

And the regime is certainly not ignorant of swarms. In 2021 the Iranian Army showcased a new system it called Mass Flight, in which an operator controls a leader drone with a squadron of nine additional drones automatically following its lead.

This was described as having "counter air capability," meaning it could be used against aircraft. The technology was crude at the time, but it may have advanced significantly in the last five years.

Crucially, we still don't know if whatever the F-15 encountered was actually related to the downing of the aircraft: did the pilot run into a drone? Or was this sighting a bizarre incidental feature of the mission?

At present we have more questions than answers. Only the Iranians know the truth — and they're not telling.

David Hambling is the author of "Swarm Troopers: How Small Drones Will Conquer the World."

FAST TAKES

Foreign desk: Euthanasia *Always* Expands

Every nation that's legalized euthanasia has seen "attempts to expand the eligibility of the law," many "successful," warns Adam James Pollock at UnHerd. The Dutch law 23 years ago allowed it "provided the patient was a newborn baby or over the age of 12"; now the Netherlands has followed Belgium in OK'ing child-killing, and reports its first under-12 . . . beneficiary? Canada is discussing "the euthanasia of newborn babies" with "deformities" and "medical syndromes." Britiain's recent assisted-suicide bill would limit "eligibility to adults who are deemed to be terminally ill" with six months or less to live, but UK advocates already want more, because "life expectancy in and of itself says nothing." Beware: Any vote for some euthanasia "is inevitably a vote to open the door" to expansion. Avoid "slippery slope" up-front, "before it is too late."

Tech beat: Schumer's Meddling Costs Americans

The "acute memory chip shortage" now pushing up prices across many industries is "another example of America's permitting and industrial policy dysfunction," grumbles The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board. "While the world's three dominant memory chipmakers — Micron, Samsung and SK Hynix — are working to expand production, America's permitting morass makes that harder." Add in the "political misallocation of capital" thanks to Sen. Chuck Schumer's 2022, which led Micron to plan an upstate factory whose "site wasn't ideal." New York's "laborious environmental reviews" have already delayed construction two years; in response, "Micron has accelerated construction of a manufacturing fab in Boise, Idaho." For now, Americans are paying more for "Schumer's political meddling."

Eye on education: Big Easy's Charter Miracle

After Katrina smashed New Orleans in 2005, "the city rebuilt its school system and became the nation's first nearly all-charter, all-choice district," notes Paul G. Vallas at City Journal. The stunning results put "Louisiana near the top nationally for [education] growth between 2022 and 2025: second in reading improvement, third in math, and the only state to exceed its pre-pandemic performance in both subjects," despite per-pupil spending below most other states. "The city thus rebukes the familiar claim that bad results mainly reflect inadequate funding." In the all-choice system, "families were no longer trapped" in a "failing neighborhood school," allowing the city to "gut" its central staffing. New Orleans "demonstrates that children benefit most when adults lose the power to preserve failure," while "student outcomes improve — even in a poor city, even after catastrophe, and even without additional funding."

Crime beat: Philly DA's Push To Spring Killers

Per Pennsylvania's *Democratic*-controlled Supreme Court, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner "has not only been serving as the city's prosecutor but effectively as its top public defender," reports Jonathan Turley at The Hill. The court has "denounced" him for his "mendacious filings" to undermine murder and other criminal cases, while his eagerness to see convictions overturned "facilitates injustice." In one case, "judges disbarred his supervisor for repeatedly lying" about one bid to overturn a conviction. Yoikes: When the courts rule that Krasner has interfered "with the legal system," he just "turns court sanctions into a badge of honor with voters who distrust" cops and criminal justice itself.

Larry Krasner

Conservative: It's *Dems* Lacking Pride in America

At the recent "anti-Trump bash 'Rise Up, Sing Out,' " Robert De Niro whined, "Loving our country is starting to sound like an abused spouse saying they love their abuser" thanks to "Donald Trump and his sycophant Congress," marvels USA Today's Ingrid Jacques. In fact, the "dramatic decline" in American pride is "being driven by Democrats" no matter who runs Washington. Polls show Republicans' pride in the country has averaged "90% since 2001," while Dems "have been sliding since then," down to 36%, though pride in America "should transcend whatever politicians inhabit the swampland of Washington." De Niro finished by saying he wants to love his country again, but "he should have never stopped." *— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board*

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Behind the Dems' Crisis

New York's establishment Democrats got eaten alive Tuesday night — and they did it to themselves. Worse, the national party has the same problem.

Heck, Brooklyn's Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, the top two Dems in Congress, just got humiliated in their own back yard — and radical candidates across the country are declaring they'll demand new House and Senate leaders once they win.

The socialists have another big chance in Los Angeles, where Nithya Raman could well win this fall's runoff against the utterly awful Mayor Karen Bass after the establishment-built open-primary rules shut down Spencer Pratt's challenge.

Other "moderates" across the nation may go along with the Democratic Socialists just to stay off the hit list: That's what Gov. Hochul has done by appeasing Mayor Mamdani. He then didn't back a lefty primary challenge to the gov — but he's now greatly upped the DSA's power in Albany with victories in legislative races to match Tuesday's sweep of three House contests.

Hochul has been telling moderate Dems she can hold back the socialists; she's now betrayed them — a damning repeat of Andrew Cuomo's years as gov.

All the establishment losers figured they had it easy in safe seats: Just keep up the Orange Man Bad schtick; continue burning taxpayer money to feed your nonprofit and union allies; never call out the absolute lunacy pushed by the far left. Heck, echo that idiocy: It wins you primary votes; in blue America, that's all you need.

Except that refusing to stand up to the crazies *normalizes* the madness, leaving voters no clear reason to stick with you when the extremists say it more convincingly.

Party machines were also fine with the steady drop in turnout for primaries: It made it easier for the handful of insiders (and their special-interest allies) to fend of challengers . . . until the hard left joined the fight with its own machine.

Having let its own neighborhood roots decay, the establishment couldn't even manage to motivate non-fanatic voters to turn out Tuesday to stave off the Marxist Wave. It got fat, then got eaten.

Another problem with the Democratic establishment's "buy everyone off" approach is that it eats the seed corn — that is, it ruins the economy and living standards in blue states, driving the most productive people away.

California, New York, Illinois: They're all now bleeding House seats and taxpayers — and not just the fat cats. The hacks in Albany and Sacramento may feel safe, but the loss of national power is already starting to reduce federal largesse: What are they going to do when Washington stops letting them milk hundreds of billions from the national fisc to fund their insane spending?

Yes, the GOP needs to get its own act together, in blue states and nationally — but that gets easier to do when extremists keep taking over the Democratic Party.

Then again, many Dems now argue that they need to permanently lock in their DC power when next they win the White House and Congress, by packing the Supreme Court and rewriting national voting laws as they have so many states'.

That is, establishment Democrats still aren't facing the threat from the left: They may lock out the Republicans only to have the DSAers throw *them* into the desert, too.

Look Who *Protects* the Fraudsters

Team Trump's fraud crackdown is turning up *billions* in stolen taxpayer money, even as Democrats do their best to ignore, deny and even enable it.

Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche's announcement Tuesday of a massive takedown — 455 perps collared across nearly every US state and territory — roped in a whopping $6.5 billion in scams.

The operation marked "the greatest combined federal and state effort combating health-care fraud in history," Blanche noted.

Individual brazen crooks in these jaw-dropping cases siphoned millions meant for people truly in need, and spent it on luxury items for themselves: an $865,000 Bulgari necklace, a $594,000 Ferrari and — get this — a $4.6 million Philippines beach resort.

In one huge case, the feds charged Marizel Yukee of Las Vegas with illegally billing $906 million in claims, netting a cool $297 million (more than a *quarter-billion*!) and using the funds to buy real estate, including that Philippines beach resort.

Yet Democrats *oppose* anti-fraud rules, such as those in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, claiming they cost folks their health care — as if it's wrong to do *any* checks about whether a transaction is a scam if it means one patient who could legally qualify has to wait to finish the paperwork.

Dems also slam the Trump fraud crackdown as a political hit job targeting primarily blue states and cities. Of course, those places are the ones that provide most government-subsidized health care and other social services, so most fraud will happen there — especially since Dems are against policing social-service programs.

Worst of all, some Democrats appear to be *abetting* fraud outright: Gov. Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison and other top Minnesota officials apparently ordered local authorities to stop looking for fear of being labeled "racist or Islamophobic." The state Department of Human Services probed the very people *warning* about abuse.

Democrats never stop pushing to spend more on aid for the needy, particularly when it comes to health care. Yet fraud leaves less cash available for the folks they claim to champion; if Dems *truly* cared about these people, they'd be the ones screaming loudest about the scams.

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Cafe's Goldman Hate Emulates Joseph Goebbels

THE ISSUE: Poetica Coffee in Brooklyn refunding and banning Rep. Dan Goldman for his stance on Israel.

Rep. Dan Goldman

•I read about Rep. Dan Goldman being banned from Poetica Coffee with profound disdain ("Foaming over Israel," June 23).

Is that how it is in New York now? If you support Israel or Jewish causes, don't shop here?

New York has become an antisemitic cesspool — with Mayor Mamdani as the chief hate monger.

George McNally
Somers Point, NJ

•Poetica would be declared antisemitic by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who with great wisdom declared, "When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You're talking about antisemitism."

Discriminating against Jews and emulating Joseph Goebbels in public accommodations may be awesome for the racists at Poetica Coffee, but it violates New York state civil-rights law.

Richard Sherman
Margate, Fla.

•Memo to Parviz Mukhamadkulov, owner of Poetica Coffee in Williamsburg: Your childish online outburst branding Goldman as "a genocide enabler" has convinced me to write a check payable to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, an organization for which you have expressed contempt.

And if I ever do have a chance to visit one of your seven welcoming locations, I'll be sure to first pin a yellow Star of David on my shirt.

Charles Winokoor
Fall River, Mass.

•No one was in Dan Goldman's corner more than I was when the owner of "Poetica Coffee" refunded his money and banned Goldman from his New York City shop simply because Goldman is a supporter of Israel. Then, to my amazement, Goldman took the high road by posting a gracious, non-confrontational reply to the coffee shop owner.

Sadly, Goldman took that opportunity to bash the president, suggesting that the real enemy was the "divisive" President Trump. Initially, I had hoped to reach out to Goldman with a message of support. Now I'd like to tell Goldman, "thanks" for wasting my sympathy, my praise and my time.

Dennis Kerbis
Staten Island

•What happens when you mix coffee and politics at Poetica Coffee? You get politics!

In this case, the mixture of ignorance and hate produces less than poetry. I wonder what Parviz Mukhamadkulov puts in his "genocide juice" if it's on the barista's menu.

The Mamdanistas won at the polls so we will have to expect many more outbursts from New York's new, "educated" street mob — pitchforks, torches, and slogans notwithstanding.

Robert April
Manhattan

•The latest account of uneducated people accusing Israel of committing genocide is Poetica Coffee, whose owner unabashedly regretted serving Rep. Goldman because he is Jewish and supposedly supports genocide in Gaza.

In an effort to hide their antisemitism, Hollywood elites and Palestinians have redefined "genocide" to include the unintended killing of civilians who happen to be in buildings serving as Hamas' headquarters.

If Israel intended to destroy an entire population in Gaza, why in the world would it give civilians advance notice to vacate?

Those with anti-Israel views obviously don't care about the truth.

Donald Tribbett
Logansport, Ind.

•For centuries, hostility toward Jews has enjoyed a peculiar privilege: It's experienced by its practitioners not as hatred, but as righteousness.

The antisemite is rarely the villain in his own story. He's the Spanish inquisitor saving souls, the German schoolteacher shaping young minds, the Soviet official purging dangerous reactionaries.

The coffee shop owner that humiliates a Jewish customer does not see himself as a bigot, he sees himself as practicing virtue.

Todd Pittinsky
Port Jefferson

•First off, what true working-class person would pay $9.82 for a coffee? Second, Poetica Coffee lists the people it won't serve — fascist, genocide enablers and so on. Why doesn't it list socialists and communists? That form of government has killed more people than any other in human history.

Bruce Collins
Middletown, NJ

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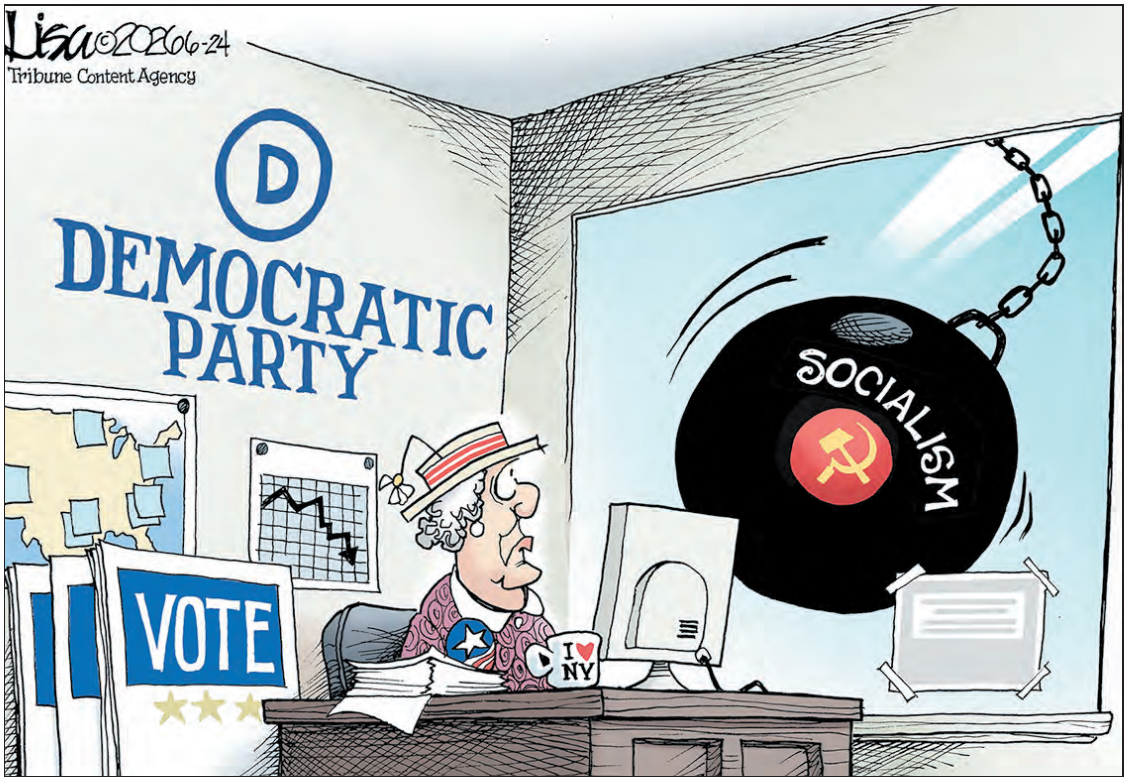

DSA'S BIG WAGE FLOP

JOHN STOSSEL

NOT long go, new kinds of jobs appeared: app-based gig work. They include jobs like dog walking on Rover, Taskrabbit work, DoorDash food delivery, Uber and Lyft driving, and many more.

Lots of people like gig work. It's flexible; you work when you want to work.

But "workers' rights" activists and governing socialists don't like that. Gig workers rarely join unions. They don't get a minimum wage.

"Uber and Lyft exploit their workers" is a headline at MS NOW. "We can't ignore it."

The Democratic Socialists said they had a solution. Seattle's City Council imposed a $26 delivery-driver minimum wage.

What could go wrong? Two years later, we know the answer: Gig workers make no more money, but prices go up.

Apps like DoorDash and Uber Eats added a $5 fee for consumers "to help cover the costs of these . . . regulations." Now Seattle residents complain about prices.

"I ordered a $12 sandwich . . . $12 grew to $32!" one complained to me recently. "I just deleted the app."

App drivers are complaining, too. Work "has become slow because of the new law," one of them said. And DoorDash itself got 1.7 million fewer Seattle orders.

This is what happens when politicians dictate wages. "Obviously, when you're increasing cost to businesses, you're going to increase costs to customers," said economics professor Judge Glock.

"These are unimaginably complicated markets where the company's main job is interfacing between restaurants and delivery workers and customers," he explained. "Then you have an economically illiterate city council or mayor who thinks, by looking at an industry through reading the news, they can appropriately regulate the exact wage."

Former Seattle City Council President Sara Nelson admitted that the politicians made a mistake. "We created a problem and it's our responsibility to fix it," she said.

Worse off: Gig workers lose with wage laws.

So they repealed the harmful law, right? No.

Nelson said they just needed to adjust their numbers: "If we had gotten the minimum pay standard right, we would not see the decline in the revenue."

Such conceit! Somehow, the political class thinks it knows exactly what every worker should be paid.

Price controls never work. Flexible pricing does. Competition forces businesses to constantly adjust pay and prices to attract workers and customers.

When smug politicians think they can set a price that's "right," "it's just patently absurd," said Glock. "You're not going to have any improved well-being for people, and you're not going to have increased wages for those workers."

A similar minimum-wage increase failed in New York City, after politicians guaranteed app-based drivers an hourly minimum of about $20. "The decrease in tips and increased competition for jobs offset all of the gains from that imposed minimum wage," said Glock.

"It's this continual whack-a-mole tendency: The market responds, [so politicians] pass a new regulation to try to prevent that response. They think the next regulation will somehow squelch the greed out of the system, but there's simply no way to do that."

Competition is the only good way to decide what people get paid.

"A lot of politicians believe there's a free lunch or a fixed pot of money that they can give out to the neediest people." said Glock.

"The actual effect was not to improve the well-being of workers, but to increase costs for customers — and sabotage one of the most successful businesses in the city."

John Stossel is the author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."

State School Rules Indoctrinate Our Kids

DANA STANGEL-PLOWE

THE United States has entered a "learning recession," according to a new Education Scorecard report. Nationally, eighth-grade reading scores now stand at their lowest point since 1990, and fourth-grade reading has fallen back to pre-2003 levels: Only 31% of American fourth-grade students are proficient.

California's results were similarly dismal — yet this news doesn't seem to be ringing any alarm bells in Sacramento. As the school year wrapped up, the state's Department of Education was busy sponsoring a training for K–12 teachers that encouraged them to "take action" to transform schools into "liberatory systems."

Such trainings are no aberration. Activism and ideology, not student performance, are priorities not just in California but also in many other states.

After the 2015 federal Every Student Succeeds Act gave states more control over school accountability and teacher quality, states used that authority to embed "culturally responsive education," or CRE, into the rules and expectations for educators.

From teaching standards and program approval to licensing requirements and professional development, the result has been a bureaucratic system that pushes teachers to incorporate activism into classroom activities.

CRE isn't as benign as its name suggests. Many parents assume it means that teachers should understand and make reasonable accommodations for students' differing backgrounds, or give a full and honest account of our nation's history, warts and all.

But in many state frameworks, CRE goes much further. CRE rules and standards direct teachers to view society through the lens of an oppressor/oppressed dichotomy, to treat institutions (including their own schools) as inherently racist or sexist, and to encourage students to engage in activism.

These frameworks often apply across subjects and grade levels. In some states, they begin with children as young as three or four.

In many states — including Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and California — teachers must demonstrate mastery of CRE as a professional competency to earn or keep a teaching license.

Teacher preparation programs must conform to those same expectations to receive state approval.

With CRE built into the regulatory code and standards that set the rules for teaching, the entire teacher pipeline — from teachers' colleges to licensure to ongoing professional development — is structured to help teachers push activist education into classrooms.

State lawmakers built this system. They should dismantle it.

The first step: Examine licensure requirements, teacher-preparation standards, professional-development mandates, teaching standards and agency guidance. These are the channels through which ideological requirements entered the profession.

But rollback alone is not enough. States should also establish a new core competency for teacher licensure and program approval: the ability to teach controversial issues professionally and responsibly.

Most teachers receive little training in leading discussions on thorny issues, presenting competing viewpoints, or helping students think through contentious subjects. Many avoid these topics altogether, while the most ideological teachers are often the most willing to teach them.

That leaves students with either silence or advocacy — neither of which prepares them for citizenship in a free society.

> ***"The entire teacher pipeline . . . is structured to help teachers push activist education into classrooms."***

Instead of requiring teachers to promote activism, states should insist that they create classrooms where students encounter multiple perspectives, weigh evidence and disagree constructively. By tying that requirement to license renewal and program approval, states can make responsible teaching on controversial issues a condition of entering the profession.

With rising numbers of young people believing that political violence can sometimes be justified, schools have a heightened responsibility to prepare young people for civil disagreement. They can't do that if teachers are trained as activists.

State lawmakers created the problem of politicized classrooms. They have the ability — and the responsibility — to fix it.

Dana Stangel-Plowe is the chief program officer at North American Values Institute. Adapted from City Journal.

The Post Puzzle Page

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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I_1 O_1 U_1 P_3 N_1 M_3 S_1 Triple Word Score — RACK 1

A_1 U_1 U_1 T_1 F_4 L_1 G_2 — RACK 2

A_1 E_1 O_1 U_1 T_1 D_2 F_4 1st Letter Double — RACK 3

A_1 I_1 U_1 Y_4 T_1 V_4 S_1 — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 221

FOUR RACK TOTAL ______
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

S_1 P_3 U_1 M_3 O_1 N_1 I_1

G_2 U_1 T_1 F_4 U_1 L_1

F_4 A_1 D_2 E_1 O_1 U_1 T_1

S_1 U_1 A_1 V_4 I_1 T_1 Y_4

PAR SCORE 150-160

SOLUTION	
RACK 1 =	83
RACK 2 =	10
RACK 3 =	65
RACK 4 =	63
TOTAL	221

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 2
♡ A 6 5 2
◇ 10 4
♣ A J 9 7 6

WEST
♠ Q 8 7 5
♡ K Q J 10 4
◇ A 6
♣ 5 2

EAST
♠ 6 4
♡ 9 8 3
◇ 8 7 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 3
♡ 7
◇ K Q J 9 3
♣ K 4

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♡	3 ♣	Pass
3 ◇	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ◇	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead – ♡ K

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In a cartoon, a beachcomber finds a message in a bottle. Extracting it, he reads this:

"We have tried repeatedly to contact you about your automobile's warranty. This is your final chance . . ."

No contract comes with a written warranty; declarer may need to take measures to protect his equity. At today's four spades, South took the ace of hearts and led the ace and a second trump, finessing with his jack. West won and led a high heart.

South ruffed and took the king of trumps, but East discarded. South then started the diamonds, but West took his ace and led a third heart. South ruffed with his last trump and led high diamonds, but West ruffed and cashed two hearts. Down two.

South can afford to lose two trumps and a diamond. Instead of finessing in trumps, South can play safe: He takes the A-K. He loses to the ace of diamonds, ruffs West's heart return and leads high diamonds. West scores his low trump and his queen, but South keeps control and makes his game.

Word Force

INFLUENCER

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 22** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Yesterday's word:
CELEBRITY

beery
belie
beret
beryl
betel
creel
cyber
elect
elite
erect
leery
liter
lyric
rebel
relet
relic
relit
retie
tiler
tribe
trice

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

TWEED HAREM PANTS — **Solution: 8 letters**

E	D	S	U	E	D	E	N	S	M	O	T	S	U	C
G	N	W	I	N	T	E	R	R	I	T	E	S	X	V
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N	B	E	R	G	C	I	L	O	T	D	V	A	R	L
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E	U	R	G	F	W	E	I	E	I	L	E	S	P	I
T	S	R	F	D	N	E	R	T	P	C	D	T	M	G
S	A	U	L	E	N	A	P	K	H	A	K	I	I	H
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Yesterday's Answer: Patients

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To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box.

Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at ***www.SudokuWiki.org***

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Very Easy #7,320

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Difficult #7,110

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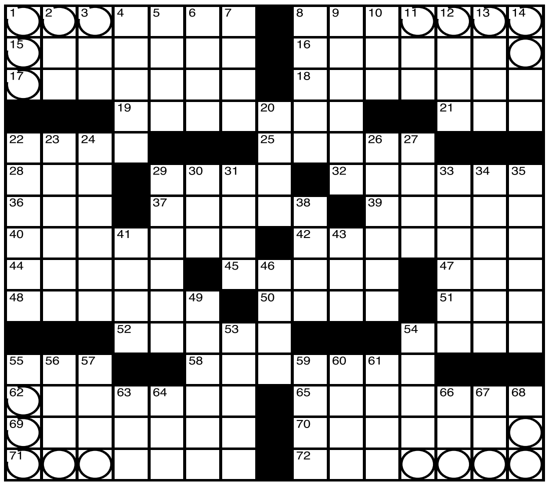
Quick Crossword



Across
1 Positive reply to "How's your health?"
8 Carrot relative
15 Reminiscent of an almond's flavor, say
16 Guises for gamers
17 Activity of a rogue
18 Voids
19 Dazed and confused
21 Superlative suffix
22 Outfits
25 Sharp
28 "Sorry, but it's __ from me"
29 Shea successor
32 Tax cheat
36 Hush-hush doc
37 Carmichael who plays Lady Edith on "Downton Abbey"
39 Land of the Minotaur
40 With 42-Across, risky business practice, or what can be found in this puzzle's circles?
42 See 40-Across
44 "Will all great Neptune's __ wash this blood / Clean from my hand?": Macbeth
45 "__ bleu!"
47 Actress Whitman
48 Bring out the blue pencil again
50 Slow-cooked dish
51 Mass. summer hrs.
52 Sings like Ella Fitzgerald
54 Laudatory lines
55 "Captain's __, stardate ... "
58 Cause of a blank photo
62 Really gets to
65 Backless tops
69 Makes softer, as sound
70 Electric current units
71 Montana neighbor
72 First name of the 28th U.S. president

Down
1 Calligraphy supply
2 Merriment
3 Fig. texted en route
4 "Jailhouse Rock" star
5 Property claim
6 Gumbo vegetable
7 Things on rings
8 Lose it under pressure
9 Path
10 Old cloth
11 RR stop
12 "The Greatest Average American" host Bargatze
13 Really gets to
14 Furtive call
20 Impetus for a bluff, perhaps
22 Animosity
23 Bring about
24 Vandyke kin
26 Team working off camera
27 Come by honestly
29 Care center
30 Actor McKellen
31 Helpers in harbors
33 Thought to be
34 Online NYSE choice
35 Puts back to zero
38 Bank holding: Abbr.
41 Small amounts
43 Bauxite, e.g.
46 Org.
49 __ scout
53 Thompson of "Selma"
54 Chose
55 Helen of Troy's mother
56 Scott Turow work
57 Seize
59 "Saint Joan" playwright
60 Mil. print
61 Blue Buffalo rival
63 Beverage suffix
64 Austrian lang.
66 Do the wrong thing
67 __ Speedwagon
68 NNE U-turn

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Dow Jones Indust. Avg. Up 182.06 51,848.90

Business

Nasdaq Comp. Down 110.40 25,476.64

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mixed close

The Nasdaq closed 0.4% lower on Wednesday, dragged by tech stocks on nagging concerns about high-flying valuations, but falling crude prices boosted airlines and other travel stocks and the Dow finished 0.4% higher.

Airfares up

Average US domestic airfares rose 4.7% in the first three months of 2026 to $428 as oil prices soared in March due to the US-Israeli war on Iran, the US Transportation Department said Wednesday.

Sony move

Sony Pictures announced a $100 million investment in immersive technology firm Cosm, marking a push to extend its film and television properties into a growing network of dome-shaped venues across the US.

Pension push

The White House asked Congress on Wednesday for $1 billion to boost the pensions of workers at former General Motors auto parts unit Delphi that were cut during the Detroit automaker's 2009 bankruptcy restructuring.

Chem settle

The US Department of Justice said on Wednesday that The Chemours Company agreed to a $450 million settlement over the release of "forever chemicals."

Sources: Reuters

Y'ALL STREET PITCH

$18M Dallas deal to lure Morgan Stanley tower

By JAMES FRANEY

As NYC lurches left

"NYC can't govern as if jobs are an entitlement when Dallas is recruiting them every day."

— Partnership for New York City CEO Steven Fulop

Mayor Eric Johnson's (left) Dallas, a finalist to be the site of a new $1.3 billion office tower for the Ted Pick (right)-led Morgan Stanley, approved an $18.5 million incentive package to lure the tower and maybe 5,000 jobs to its growing business corridor (in background) nickanmed Y'all Street.

Getty Images, Morgan Stanley

Dallas lawmakers signed off Wednesday on an $18.5 million incentive package to lure a $1.3 billion Morgan Stanley office tower to the city, The Post has learned — and this week's stunning victories by far-left New York pols could expedite the exodus of businesses.

Officials at the Dallas City Council unanimously approved the deal, 15-0, that would give the New York-based bank a special economic grant and up to a decade of property-tax abatements, according to a municipal filing reviewed by The Post.

In exchange, the Wall Street giant would build a major regional office downtown and shift nearly 5,000 jobs to the city — the latest coup for the booming Texas financial corridor known as "Y'all Street" which beckons New York moneymen looking to flee Mayor Mamdani's tax-and-spend left-wing policies.

"Morgan Stanley's engagement with Dallas speaks to the strength of our financial services ecosystem, and I look forward to welcoming the firm to Y'all Street. We have worked hard to make Dallas America's most pro-business city," said Big D Mayor Eric Johnson.

5,000 new jobs

In stunning elections on Tuesday, a bevy of far-left pols won Democratic congressional primaries in NYC.

"American capitalism, free market competition, and even economic success itself have all been vilified by New York's top elected leaders," Johnson said.

"While that makes me sad for my friends who call New York home, I must admit that I am pleased to welcome the tens of thousands of financial services jobs that are shifting."

Steven Fulop, CEO of Partnership for New York City, voiced concern.

"NYC can't govern as if jobs are an entitlement when Dallas is recruiting them every day," he told told The Post.

The Ted Pick-led bank hasn't formally committed yet to Dallas. The company has narrowed its search for a new US operational hub to two finalists — Dallas and Alpharetta, Ga. — the same filing shows.

The Dallas deal aims to tip the balance. Morgan Stanley did not answer a request for comment. If Dallas wins the bid, Morgan Stanley would execute a two-phase expansion.

The bank would initially lease roughly 255,000 square feet at Fountain Place on Ross Avenue while crews build a 708,000-square-foot tower near McKinney Avenue, slated to open in 2031, the filing shows.

Morgan Stanley plans to invest about $96.9 million into the temporary site and another $684.2 million into the permanent tower. The developer would spend an additional $650 million on the building's shell.

Morgan Stanley expects to seat about 1,500 workers by 2031, swell to 3,800 by 2035 and possibly reach 4,800 by the end of the decade.

The jobs — spanning wealth management, compliance, risk, legal, technology and operations — would pay an average of $128,000 a year before benefits. City staff peg the net economic benefit to Dallas at $64.9 million over the life of the deal.

The move would mark another victory for Texas as it siphons financial behemoths from New York. The southern migration was gathering force before New York Mayor Mamdani took office, but the regional rivalry has intensified.

Goldman Sachs is erecting an 800,000-square-foot, $500 million campus in Dallas set to open in 2028.

JPMorgan Chase, meanwhile, now employs more people in Texas than in New York.

Red alert: AI chatbots spew lefty bias

Artificial-intelligence chatbots show strong political bias in favor of the left — contrary to what leading AI companies claim, according to a bombshell report.

When asked about issues from DEI and gay conversion to defunding the police, the bots come across as leftist academics, an in-depth analysis by The Washington Post found.

Asked about 29 hot-button issues, OpenAI's ChatGPT answered nearly every question "exclusively with left-leaning arguments" — and gave "right-leaning positions just once," according to the research.

Google's Gemini came across as a champion of both-sidesism, "offering both left and right positions in more than 90 percent of its answers."

Anthropic's Claude chatbot provided just a lefty argument 43% of the time, gave "both-sides" answers 47% of the time — and never served up just a right-leaning answer.

Even GrokAI — run by free-speech champion Elon Musk's SpaceX — was more prone to cite lefty arguments than conservative ones, on average. It gave lefty answers 40% of the time, conservative ones 33% of the time and "both-sides" answers 27% of the time, WaPo found.

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Owner expected to stay while fighting evict

STEVE CUOZZO

REALTY CHECK

Nothin' cookin'

BRYANT PARK

Seaport Entertainment Group, with superchef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, was expected to take over the Bryant Park Grill space once a court OK'd evicting operator Michael Weinstein, but Vongerichten's group said it's no longer interested.

Tamara Beckwith / Steve Cuozzo / enCourageKids Foundation

New Bryant Pk. food fight snag

THE simmering Bryant Park Grill saga boiled over as a court gave the park's manager the green light to boot the Grill's current operator, and the company that was slated to take over the iconic space with Jean-Georges Vongerichten bowed out of lease negotiations, Realty Check has learned.

A state Supreme Court judge ruled this month that the nonprofit Bryant Park Corporation can evict the restaurant operated by Michael Weinstein's Ark Restaurants. "We are very happy with the decision," corporation lawyer Gil Feder said.

But Weinstein told The Post he plans to appeal, which could give him as much as another year at the helm of the popular, indoor-outdoor venue that's one of the nation's top-grossing places with $25 million in annual revenue.

Bryant Park Corporation President Daniel Biederman didn't renew Ark's lease when it expired last year, and planned to replace it with superchef Vongerichten and Seaport Entertainment Group, which owns 25% of his eatery empire.

Another hitch

But in a second twist, the plan that was widely reported in the spring of 2025 is kaput.

"Seaport Entertainment Group is no longer involved in Bryant Park Grill in an operating capacity as originally contemplated. However, we continue to own 25% of Jean-Georges Management," an SEG spokesperson told The Post on Wednesday.

Vongerichten CEO Lois Freedman confirmed, "If/when we sign [a lease], we will be the operators, not Seaport Entertainment."

Biederman said of the Grill's future, "Bryant Park is thrilled to welcome a new modern restaurant concept, to be announced soon, in a space so many New Yorkers and visitors know and love."

Michael McMahon, a retired former real estate asset manager and now a consultant to Biederman, clarified, "We're negotiating with Jean-George for a management agreement" — unlike the earlier plan for SEG to lease the property.

Further confusing things, McMahon said that although SEG "stepped away" from lease talks, it "might be coming back in with a capital investment" in the project, although there are numerous "complications and considerations" to work out.

Although the long-term outlook is murkier than ever, the glass-wrapped dining venue will continue to draw locals, tourists and office workers without interruption this summer.

Bryant Park Grill is one of the city's strangest, long-running restaurant lease battles.

When his lease wasn't renewed last year, Weinstein vowed to continue running the Grill and two outdoor cafes — as he had done for 30 years — and Biederman wasn't able to boot him as the case wended its way through the courts.

Weinstein griped that Vongerichten and his partners would pay a minimum $1.2 million a year in rent compared with Ark's $3 million.

Micron's $unny forecast

Micron Technology forecast quarterly earnings above Wall Street estimates Wednesday, signaling that heavy investments in AI-related infrastructure will drive strong demand for memory chips, sending its shares up more than 9% in extended trading.

Micron expects fourth-quarter revenue of $49 billion to $51 billion, compared with analysts' average estimate of $43.58 billion, according to LSEG, a financial markets infrastructure and data provider.

The results and forecast show how the explosive growth of generative AI has turned products such as high-bandwidth memory into critical components for large-scale data centers.

Micron, a key supplier for Nvidia's AI processors, has benefited as AI chip and server makers rush to secure a limited supply.

Micron, the only US-based manufacturer of high-end memory chips, has seen demand for its HBM chips far outstrip its production capacity, and analysts expect demand to exceed supply for the next two to three years. *Reuters*

$4B buy of AI startup

Qualcomm said Wednesday it would buy AI startup Modular in an all-stock deal valued at nearly $4 billion, gaining access to software that runs AI models across chips without having to write code for each processor.

Buying Modular pits Qualcomm against CUDA, the software platform that has helped underpin Nvidia's dominance by tying millions of developers to the $5 trillion company's chips.

As part of the deal, Qualcomm expects to issue up to 19.2 million shares of its common stock to Modular's equity holders.

Qualcomm has been seeking a larger foothold in the data-center market as demand for generative AI surges, and is already targeting the market with processors for data centers. *Reuters*

Wendy's $izzles on meme

Wendy's stock exploded Wednesday after a viral Reddit post sparked a meme stock frenzy that sent shares of the struggling fast-food chain soaring as much as 42% intraday.

The rally, which briefly triggered a volatility halt, appeared to have little to do with the company's fundamentals and everything to do with the online trading crowd searching for its next target.

Traders zeroed in after a post on Reddit's WallStreetBets forum urged users to "save Wendy's before it's too late." The post was removed, but not before helping ignite a rush into the stock.

By midday, the gains faded, and shares ended the day nearly 26% higher. The surge marked Wendy's biggest jump since March 2020, when markets rebounded from the pandemic.

The burger chain — known for the Frosty, Dave's Triple Burger and the Biggie Deal — has endured a painful stretch on Wall Street.

Its shares have fallen more than 70% since mid-2023, making it the type of beaten-down stock that often attracts speculative traders looking for a dramatic rebound. *Ariel Zilber*

'$29B' AI-link stox offering

South Korea's SK Hynix said Wednesday it plans to raise up to $29.4 billion through a US stock market listing in what would be among the biggest listings globally, as the Nvidia supplier seeks to capitalize on strong investor appetite for AI stocks.

If completed at the top end, the deal would be the second-biggest share sale after a record $85.7 billion initial public offering by SpaceX earlier this month.

The planned listing reflects strong global appetite for AI-linked equities, even as volatility increases across US tech and semiconductor markets.

Reuters

DARIO AMODEI
Anthropic CEO's shock find.

AI finds 'hole' in gov't test

Anthropic's powerful "Mythos" AI model was reportedly able to find vulnerabilities in highly secure US government systems within just a few hours — the latest development to stoke security concerns about the product.

During tests conducted by US intelligence agencies, Mythos identified certain vulnerabilities in government systems within hours — though that does not mean the bot would be able to exploit those same sensitivities within that time frame, The Associated Press reported this week.

Those tests were part of Dario Amodei-helmed Anthropic's intiative known as Project Glasswing, which partnered with other companies and agencies to resolve potential security concerns — following reports that Anthropic's Mythos and "Fable" were so advanced they could spark an AI doomsday.

Taylor Herzlich

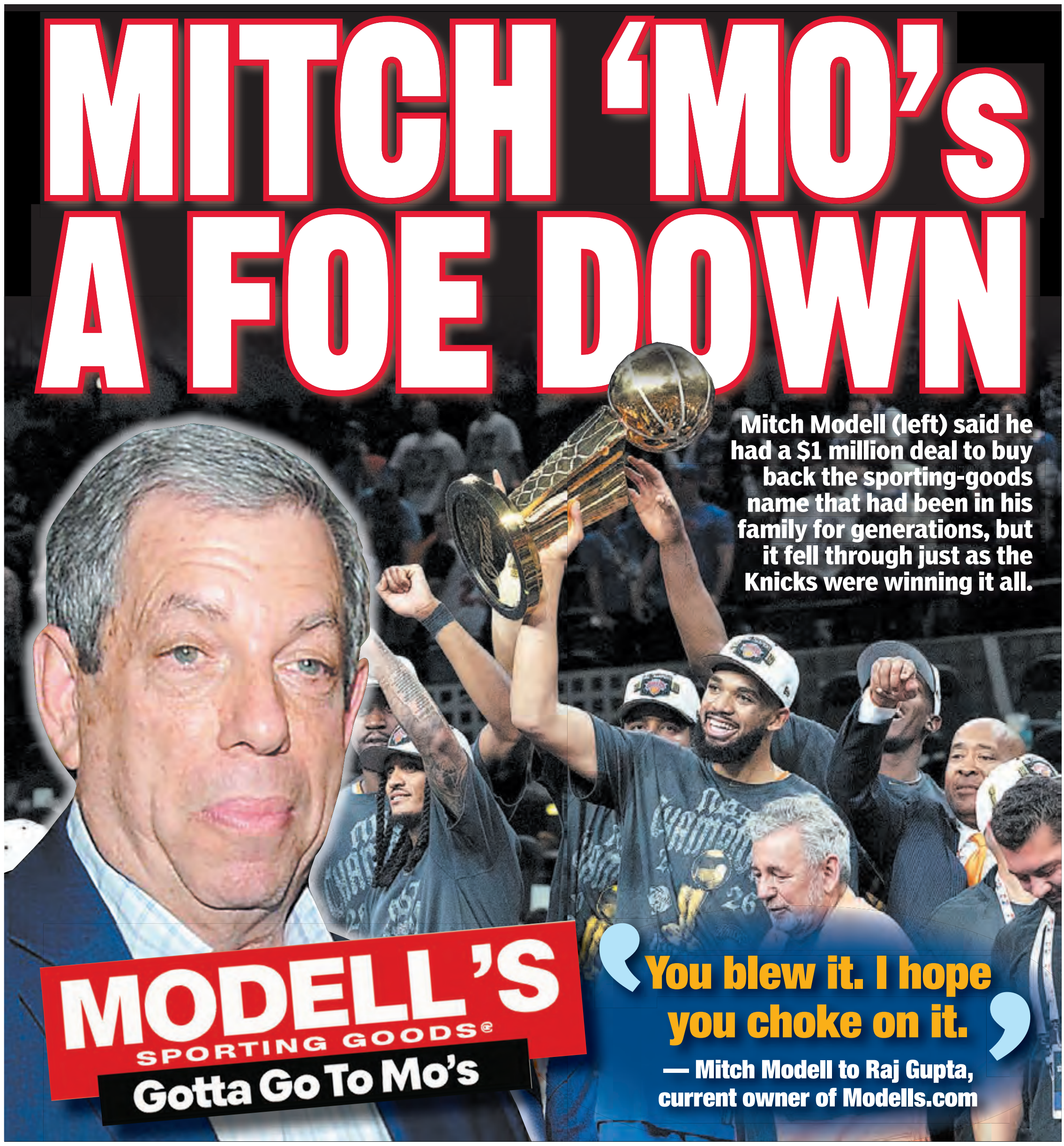
Feds probe killer Tesla

The National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday it will investigate last week's crash of a Tesla Model 3 that struck a home at high speed in Katy, Texas, killing a 76-year-old resident.

The NTSB has investigated numerous Tesla crashes where its driver-assistance systems were in use. On Monday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it was probing the crash.

The victim's family has filed a lawsuit. *Reuters*

MITCH 'MO's A FOE DOWN



Mitch Modell (left) said he had a $1 million deal to buy back the sporting-goods name that had been in his family for generations, but it fell through just as the Knicks were winning it all.

"You blew it. I hope you choke on it."

— Mitch Modell to Raj Gupta, current owner of Modells.com

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Launches competing site after 'deal' collapse

By LISA FICKENSCHER

While the New York Knicks were battling to win the NBA Finals earlier this month, Mitch Modell landed in the middle of a testy exchange with the new owner of Modell's Sporting Goods — capping months of failed negotiations to buy back the faded retail brand, The Post has learned.

The former "Undercover Boss" and CEO of the sporting-goods chain, which went bankrupt in 2020 and closed 140 stores, on Monday revealed MitchellModells.com, a new online apparel site that's selling a T-shirt commemorating the Knicks' historic title.

That was after months of on-again, off-again talks to buy back the 137-year-old brand — famous for its "Gotta go to Mo's" jingle — fizzled in acrimony, sources told The Post.

On June 12 — the day before the Knicks clinched the championship — Modell was locked in a heated text exchange with Raj Gupta, head of Omni Retail Enterprises, which had scooped up Modell's in 2023.

E-commerce biz

Omni now operates Modell's as an e-commerce business, and the site was down — just as a frenzy for Knicks merchandise was going full-tilt.

"Modell's website is closed down for maintenance??? Everybody is calling where to buy shirts," the 72-year-old Modell texted Gupta. "You blew it. I hope you choke on it."

Gupta responded, "Stop texting me," and later, "site back up. FYI."

Modell replied with a thumbs-up emoji — and that was the last they communicated, according to both parties. That's after talks that had gone as far as a written, unsigned sale agreement that had been drafted by Gupta's attorney.

Modell — whose great-grandfather Morris Modell founded the business in 1889 — had first tried to buy back the brand from Gupta in 2024. He initially offered $500,000 as he and his sons also tried and failed to buy Party City and Big Lots. In December, Modell upped his bid to $1 million.

Gupta tentatively agreed, but the talks hit a roadblock when Gupta demanded that he retain a 5% stake in the company — along with a piece of its future profits.

"This price won't be offered again," Gupta wrote to Modell. "We will continue growing it ourselves."

Meanwhile Modell had demanded to see sales and customer data.

"I told him I'd give him the $1 million and I told him you have to tell me how many emails you have from my customers," Modell told The Post. "He had all my data, everything."

As the pair continued to haggle, Modell lamented the look of the Modell's website, according to text messages viewed by The Post.

"Selling coolers in Dec. is not a winning formula for success," Modell sarcastically wrote to Gupta.

"We went back and forth," Modell said. "He stalled me for two months."

By March, Gupta still had not forwarded the customer info, saying he'd been "super busy."

Weeks turned into months, with the pair finally erupting into the testy exchange during the NBA Finals.

In a brief phone interview this week, Gupta confirmed the text exchanges, but was tight-lipped on details of the negotiations.

"The deal fell apart because he didn't stand by the terms we had agreed to," Gupta told The Post, declining to elaborate.

YouTube settles social media 'addiction' suit

Google-owned YouTube has settled a social media addiction lawsuit brought by a Florida teen who accused the video-sharing giant of helping fuel a youth mental health crisis through features designed to keep kids glued to their screens.

The confidential settlement, reached just weeks before trial, appeared to mark another setback for Big Tech companies facing mounting legal pressure over claims that their platforms are engineered to maximize engagement at the expense of young users' well-being.

The plaintiff, identified in court filings only as RKC, alleged that YouTube and other social media companies deliberately designed products to be addictive through features such as autoplay and infinite scroll that continuously feed users new content.

Google confirmed the settlement on Monday.

The settlement removes YouTube from a closely watched California trial scheduled to begin July 27 in Los Angeles.

RKC's lawsuit against Meta, TikTok parent ByteDance and Snap remains active.

The case is the second bellwether trial overseen by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carolyn Kuhl as part of a broader effort to resolve more than 1,000 similar lawsuits filed in California alleging social media platforms harmed children through addictive product design.

The litigation has emerged as one of the biggest legal threats facing the social media industry. *Ariel Zilber*

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DATED: June 16, 2026

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McLean's strong start becomes bad finish as Amazin's mound woes mount

NO'WHERE TO GO: Nolan McLean reacts after giving up a three-home run to the Cubs' Dansby Swanson during the sixth inning of Wednesday's first game of a twin bill at Citi Field. AP

By COLLIN WARD

Even some bright afternoon sun couldn't purge the Mets of their pitching woes.

Rookie Nolan McLean struggled to finish his outing once again, allowing six runs and six hits in his final two innings in an eventual 10-3 loss to the Cubs on Wednesday in the first game of a doubleheader.

The right-hander said he felt like he pitched well for most of the game but had trouble getting out of the fifth inning and gave up easy hits in the sixth.

"I made some good players make some good swings today, and got burned on that homer there in the sixth," McLean said.

Through the first four innings, McLean looked like the player who started for Team USA in the 2026 World Baseball Classic.

He said the feeling carried over from his last start against the Reds, when he gave up one run on three hits.

That momentum could have been a reason manager Carlos Mendoza decided to keep McLean in after giving up three runs in the fifth.

The other, Mendoza said, was that he trusted the rookie to get through the inning after two early outs.

Regardless of the reasoning, McLean hasn't been the stud many thought he would be this season, and pressure is rising on Mendoza after another questionable outing.

The 24-year-old said the outside noise and the 34-45 record aren't adding any pressure. He continues to "treat every start the same."

Perhaps there's less pressure on McLean because the entire Mets pitching staff has been struggling this season.

They have given up the 14th-most runs in MLB (361) and 40 in the past four games.

"The season is definitely testing our mental fortitude," McLean said. "Each day, we're all having conversations with each other, figuring out how we can each get better."

Senga busted down to bullpen duty

By MOLLIE WALKER

METS NOTES

After a disastrous night on the mound Tuesday, Kodai Senga was moved to the Mets bullpen.

The relegation is somewhat overdue for the Japanese hurler, whose ERA has ballooned to an egregious 10.08 over his seven starts this season.

Senga has made zero relief appearances during his four seasons with the Mets.

"Just like some of the other guys, he could be pitching like multi-inning guys," manager Carlos Mendoza said when asked what the bullpen assignment could look like for Senga. "He could be pitching high-leverage situations if we need him to. The game will dictate. We saw what he's capable of doing. We've seen flashes of it. You see that first inning [Tuesday] and he comes out and is throwing 98-99, just throwing that fastball by people. So I think he's just keeping it simple out of that role.

"We told him, 'You pitch an inning, got to be ready to go next day.' I know there's going to be an adjustment here. We'll take care of him, obviously. He's one of those guys now in the bullpen."

In the 9-6 loss to the Cubs on Tuesday, Senga gave up seven runs and walked five batters through $3\frac{2}{3}$ innings. It ultimately cost him his spot in a starting rotation with a 4.87 ERA, which is 27th in the majors.

Senga returned from a back injury earlier this month after missing more than seven weeks of action. Since his return to the mound, he is 0-2 with a stunning 12.91 ERA.

"He's a pro," Mendoza said of Senga's reaction to their conversation. "He understands where we're at as a team. He knows that he hasn't been at his best. He's been dealing with injuries and all that, but he knows obviously that he's more than capable to continue to help the team win baseball games."

➤ **Francisco Lindor** returned to the Mets lineup for the first time in 53 games Wednesday.

"I had a lot of emotions, for sure," said Lindor, who was recovering from a calf strain. "Just like everybody else when they're hurt, wants to be there with the guys and just staying back and not traveling, not being there with the guys. I want to have success with the team and we struggle, I want to struggle with them as well. That's why it's a team. It just sucks not to be with the group. I'm glad I'm back."

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Toronto	39	41	.488	9½	—	5-5	L-2	22-20	17-21
Baltimore	38	44	.463	11½	2	4-6	L-2	22-19	16-25
Boston	32	46	.410	15½	6	3-7	L-1	12-25	20-21

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	42	39	.519	—	+2½	4-6	W-1	19-17	23-22
Chicago	41	38	.519	—	—	4-6	L-1	26-13	15-25
Minnesota	38	44	.463	4½	2	6-4	L-3	20-22	18-22
Detroit	34	46	.425	7½	5	5-5	L-2	22-18	12-28
Kansas City	34	47	.420	8	5½	6-4	L-1	19-22	15-25

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	41	40	.506	—	—	4-6	L-1	22-19	19-21
Houston	39	43	.476	2½	1	6-4	W-2	20-21	19-22
Athletics	38	42	.475	2½	1	3-7	L-4	18-23	20-19
Texas	38	42	.475	2½	1	4-6	L-2	19-18	19-24
Los Angeles	34	48	.415	7½	6	5-5	W-2	19-21	15-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Wednesday

Yankees 4, Detroit 2
Miami 4, Texas 2
Cleveland 4, White Sox 3, 10 inn.
Colorado 8, Boston 6
L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 6, 10 inn.
Pittsburgh 11, Seattle 1
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3
Houston 3, Toronto 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, Minnesota 3
San Francisco 2, Athletics 1

Thursday

Yankees at Boston, 7:10
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 12:10
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Athletics at San Francisco, 3:45
Houston at Detroit, 6:40
Texas at Toronto, 7:07

Friday

Yankees at Boston, 7:10
Houston at Detroit, 6:40
Washington at Baltimore, 7:05
Texas at Toronto, 7:07
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Seattle at Cleveland, 7:10
Kansas City at White Sox, 7:40
Colorado at Minnesota, 8:10
Athletics at L.A. Angels, 9:38

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	48	31	.608	—	—	3-7	L-4	24-14	24-17
Philadelphia	44	36	.550	4½	+1	6-4	W-2	23-19	21-17
Miami	42	39	.519	7	1½	7-3	W-2	28-17	14-22
Washington	41	40	.506	8	2½	5-5	L-2	17-24	24-16
Mets	34	46	.425	14½	9	3-7	L-5	18-21	16-25

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	49	29	.628	—	—	7-3	W-4	25-15	24-14
Chicago	43	37	.538	7	—	7-3	W-3	23-17	20-20
St. Louis	42	36	.538	7	—	4-6	L-2	22-19	20-17
Pittsburgh	40	40	.500	10	3	5-5	W-1	21-20	19-20
Cincinnati	37	42	.468	12½	5½	4-6	L-3	19-22	18-20

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	52	29	.642	—	—	7-3	W-3	26-14	26-15
San Diego	42	37	.532	9	½	6-4	W-3	22-19	20-18
Arizona	41	39	.513	10½	2	6-4	W-2	24-17	17-22
San Francisco	33	46	.418	18	9½	5-5	W-2	16-20	17-26
Colorado	32	49	.395	20	11½	6-4	W-1	18-22	14-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Wednesday

Cubs 10, **Mets** 3, 1st game
Cubs 10, **Mets** 5, 2nd game
Miami 4, Texas 2
Colorado 8, Boston 6
Pittsburgh 11, Seattle 1
Philadelphia 5, Washington 4
L.A. Dodgers 4, Minnesota 3
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 5
Arizona 9, St. Louis 4
San Diego 5, Atlanta 2
San Francisco 2, Athletics 1

Thursday

Cubs at **Mets**, 7:10
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Athletics at San Francisco, 3:45
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:45
Arizona at St. Louis, 7:45

Friday

Philadelphia at **Mets**, 7:10
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Washington at Baltimore, 7:05
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:45
Colorado at Minnesota, 8:10
Miami at St. Louis, 8:15
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 9:45
Atlanta at San Francisco, 10:15

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Solution to Very Easy #7,320

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Solution to Difficult #7,110

Yankees 4, Tigers 2

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Goldschmidt 1b	4	2	2	2	0	2	.297
Rice dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.286
Domínguez rf	4	1	1	2	0	3	.229
Bellinger lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.271
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Chisholm 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Caballero 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Wells c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.161
Schuemann cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.194
S.Jones pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**0**	**13**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle 3b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.283
Dingler dh	5	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Vierling cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.202
Outman ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.163
Carpenter ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Greene lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.289
Torkelson 1b	3	2	1	0	1	1	.211
Lee 2b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.250
Malgeri rf-cf	3	0	0	1	0	3	.333
McKinstry ss	4	0	1	1	0	2	.182
Rogers c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.149
Keith ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**11**	

Yankees	**101 002 000**	**—**	**4**	**6**	**1**
Detroit	**010 100 000**	**—**	**2**	**8**	**0**

E: Domínguez (1). **LOB:** New York 2, Detroit 9. **2B:** Bellinger (16), Torkelson (17), McGonigle (18). **HR:** Goldschmidt 2 (14), off Skubal; Domínguez (3), off Skubal. **RBIs:** Goldschmidt 2 (39), Domínguez 2 (7), McKinstry (12), Malgeri (1). **SF:** Malgeri. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 1 (Chisholm); Detroit 2 (Rogers 2). **RISP:** New York 0 for 2; Detroit 1 for 6.

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers, W, 3-5	6.0	6	2	1	2	6	97	3.95
Doval, H, 4	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	15	5.10
Cruz, H, 13	1.1	1	0	0	0	4	22	2.08
Bednar, S, 16-18	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	3.27

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skubal, L, 3-4	6.0	4	4	4	0	9	85	3.32
Waguespack	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	20	3.00
De Jesús	1.1	2	0	0	0	2	19	4.25

T: 2:31. **A:** 23,567 (41,083).

Angels 7, Orioles 6, 10 inn.

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ward lf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.257
Henderson ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Taveras rf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.256
Alonso 1b	4	2	3	2	1	0	.253
Basallo c	5	2	2	4	0	2	.257
Cowser cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.229
Mayo dh	3	0	1	0	0	2	.189
Holliday ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Jackson 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Alexander 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.305
Totals	**37**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**3**	**10**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schanuel 1b	4	2	0	0	2	0	.262
Guzman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	3	.236
O'Hoppe c	1	0	1	1	0	0	.240
Meckler rf	4	1	2	2	1	1	.289
Soler dh	3	1	1	2	2	2	.220
Moore lf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.211
Walton 2b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.329
Peraza ss	5	1	0	0	0	3	.255
Lowe cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.186
Neto ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Heineman c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Grissom ph-3b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.235
Totals	**40**	**7**	**8**	**6**	**7**	**17**	

Baltimore	**023 000 000**	**1**	**—**	**6**	**9**	**3**
Los Angeles	**200 000 030**	**2**	**—**	**7**	**8**	**0**

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Alexander (2), Henderson (7), Akin (2). **LOB:** Baltimore 6, Los Angeles 12. **2B:** Alonso (14), Ward (18), Walton (7). **HR:** Basallo 2 (12), off Soriano; Soler (11), off Gibson. **RBIs:** Basallo 4 (35), Alonso 2 (55), Soler 2 (37), Grissom (30), Meckler 2 (15), O'Hoppe (21). **RISP:** Baltimore 3 for 8; Los Angeles 3 for 15. **DP:** Los Angeles 2 (Guzman, Walton, Schanuel; Walton, Peraza, Schanuel).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gibson	4.0	3	2	2	2	5	66	5.64
Wolfram	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	9	3.63
Wells, H, 10	1.1	1	0	0	1	4	28	3.25
Cano, H, 7	0.2	0	0	0	2	2	25	2.03
Garcia, H, 11	1.0	2	3	3	1	1	19	2.70
Kittrdge, BS, 1-3	0.1	1	0	0	1	1	11	6.00
Helsley	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	16	4.73
Akin, L, 0-1, BS, 0-1	0.2	1	2	0	0	1	12	6.17

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Soriano	3.0	6	5	5	2	4	69	3.41
Farris	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	27	3.45
Fermin	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.12
Natera	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	27	1.12
Bachman	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	3.44
Silseth, W, 3-1	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	12	2.40

T: 3:17. **A:** 27,585 (45,517).

Cubs 10, Mets 3, 1st Game

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	1	1	0	1	3	.286
Conforto rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.223
Dean rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.667
Busch 1b	3	1	1	2	1	1	.245
Suzuki dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.264
Happ lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.229
Hoerner 2b	4	2	1	0	1	0	.235
Ramirez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Amaya c	3	2	1	0	0	1	.229
Swanson ss	4	2	2	7	0	2	.194
Totals	**34**	**10**	**9**	**10**	**4**	**14**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Benge rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.261
Ewing cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Bichette ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.251
Young 1b	2	1	1	2	0	1	.237
Vientos ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.220
Alvarez dh	3	1	2	1	1	1	.265
Baty 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.219
Wagaman ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Melendez lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.186
Torrens c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.216
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**3**	**9**	

Chicago	**000 033 040**	**—**	**10**	**9**	**0**
Mets	**000 300 000**	**—**	**3**	**7**	**0**

LOB: Chicago 5, New York 5. **2B:** Happ (15), Conforto (10), Hoerner (18), Benge (10). **HR:** Busch (9), off McLean; Swanson (10), off McLean; Swanson (11), off Pintaro; Young (5), off Assad; Alvarez (7), off Assad. **RBIs:** Conforto (14), Busch 2 (44), Swanson 7 (42), Young 2 (12), Alvarez (17). **S:** Ramirez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 3 (Ramirez 2, Amaya); New York 3 (Melendez, Semien, Young). **RISP:** Chicago 4 for 10; New York 0 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Hoerner 2, Ewing, Semien, Wagaman. **GIDP:** Conforto, Wagaman, Semien. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Ramirez, Hoerner, Busch; Ramirez, Hoerner, Busch); New York 1 (Bichette, Semien, Young).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Assad, W, 6-1	5.0	5	3	3	2	5	83	4.04
Rolison, H, 2	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	18	1.82
Thielbar, H, 6	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	19	4.71
Ferguson	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	26	9.64

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McLean, L, 4-5	6.0	7	6	6	2	9	104	4.03
Pintaro	2.0	2	4	4	2	3	45	5.11
Warren	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.67

T: 2:42. **A:** 31,951 (42,136).

Guardians 4, White Sox 3, 10 inn.

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana 2b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.261
Rocchio ss	5	1	1	0	0	2	.269
Fry lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Halpin pr-cf	2	3	1	0	0	0	.188
Manzardo 1b	3	0	1	0	2	1	.233
Hoskins dh	4	0	1	0	1	3	.175
Fairchild pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Watson rf	4	0	2	3	1	0	.238
Schneemann 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.209
Bailey c	4	0	0	1	1	1	.181
Kwan cf-lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.211
Totals	**38**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**6**	**12**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf-2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.286
Vargas 3b-1b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.240
Benintendi dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Acuña pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Teel c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.143
C.Montgomery ss-3b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.219
Meiroth 2b-ss	5	0	1	0	0	3	.266
B.Montgmry rf-cf-rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.250
Peters cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Grichuk ph-rf-lf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.270
Gonzalez 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.189
Perez pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Totals	**36**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**4**	**5**	

Cleveland	**000 002 010**	**1**	**—**	**4**	**8**	**0**
Chicago	**000 000 102**	**0**	**—**	**3**	**10**	**2**

E: C.Montgomery (5), Antonacci (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 11, Chicago 11. **2B:** C.Montgomery (14). **HR:** B.Montgomery (2), off Smith; Grichuk (9), off Smith. **RBIs:** Watson 3 (6), Bailey (12), B.Montgomery 2 (7), Grichuk (22). **SB:** Meidroth (2). **CS:** Meidroth (2). **SF:** B.Montgomery. **S:** Acuña. **RISP:** Cleveland 3 for 13; Chicago 0 for 9. **DP:** Cleveland 2 (Bazzana, Manzardo, Bazzana; Bailey, Rocchio, Bailey); Chicago 1 (Meidroth, C.Montgomery, Gonzalez).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee	6.0	3	0	0	1	3	89	3.78
Sabrowski, H, 18	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	15	2.86
Holdermn, H, 7	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.59
Gaddis, H, 13	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	13	3.68
Herrin, H, 13	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.04
Smith, BS, 24-27	0.2	3	2	2	1	1	28	3.22
Armstrong, W, 2-1	1.1	0	0	0	2	0	26	3.13

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Murphy	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	23	4.80
Fedde	4.0	5	2	1	3	2	75	4.34
Eisert	1.2	0	0	0	0	3	24	5.49
Rock	2.0	1	1	1	3	4	39	3.48
Taylor, L, 2-1	1.0	2	1	0	0	1	17	2.97

T: 3:18. **A:** 17,664 (40,241).

Cubs 10, Mets 5, 2nd Game

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	0	1	1	1	2	.285
Shaw lf-rf	4	0	0	1	1	1	.246
Suzuki rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.258
Happ lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	2	1	.244
Busch 1b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.240
Hoerner 2b	5	3	3	0	0	0	.241
Kelly c	5	2	1	1	0	0	.283
Ramirez dh	5	4	3	2	0	0	.289
Swanson ss	5	1	3	4	0	1	.202
Totals	**42**	**10**	**11**	**9**	**4**	**11**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Benge lf-rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Lindor ss	5	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Bichette 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.254
Vientos 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.220
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.214
Alvarez c	4	1	1	1	0	2	.264
Wagaman dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.211
Young ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Ewing cf	3	1	2	2	1	0	.261
Baty rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Torrens ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.216
Melendez pr-lf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.186
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**4**	**8**	

Chicago	**010 302 013**	**—**	**10**	**11**	**0**
Mets	**030 101 000**	**—**	**5**	**8**	**6**

E: Lindor (2), Semien 2 (6), Bichette (9), Vientos 2 (6). **LOB:** Chicago 9, New York 6. **2B:** Hoerner 2 (21), Kelly (9), Ramirez (3), Ewing (7), Bichette (12). **3B:** Swanson (2). **HR:** Alvarez (8), off Imanaga; Ewing (3), off Imanaga; Vientos (10), off Imanaga; Bichette (10), off Hollowell. **RBIs:** Kelly (29), Ramirez 2 (6), Swanson 4 (46), Crow-Armstrong (44), Shaw (20), Alvarez (18), Ewing 2 (15), Vientos (33), Bichette (45). **SB:** Shaw (4), Ramirez 2 (2), Swanson (10). **RISP:** Chicago 7 for 25; New York 0 for 6. **DP:** New York 2 (Lindor, Semien, Vientos; Lindor, Semien, Vientos).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imanaga, W, 5-6	5.1	4	4	4	1	4	69	4.40
Hollowell, H, 1	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	13	6.23
Milner, H, 6	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	17	3.28
Thornton, H, 1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	3.00
Webb	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	26	3.78

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manaea	3.0	6	4	3	2	4	86	4.87
Brazobán	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	34	1.82
Raley, L, 2-2	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	20	2.48
Weaver	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	12	2.18
Minter	1.0	0	1	0	0	1	19	0.00
Williams	1.0	3	3	0	0	1	22	4.62

T: 3:00. **A:** 33,934 (42,136).

Rays 5, Royals 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen dh	4	1	1	0	1	1	.244
Loftin 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Caglianone 1b	4	1	0	0	0	2	.272
Perez c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.203
Massey 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.266
Collins lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.228
Rave rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.308
Thomas ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Misner cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.286
Tolbert ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	.269
Rojas ph	1	1	1	1	0	0	.429
Totals	**35**	**3**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**12**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	5	1	4	1	0	0	.332
DeLuca cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.270
Caminero 3b	2	1	0	0	2	2	.279
Vilade rf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.276
Aranda 1b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.282
Williamson 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.235
Walls ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.222
Simpson lf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.265
Fortes c	3	2	1	0	0	0	.247
Totals	**31**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**4**	**6**	

Kansas City	**000 020 001**	**—**	**3**	**7**	**1**
Tampa Bay	**003 200 00x**	**—**	**5**	**10**	**2**

E: Caglianone (2), Walls (5), Simpson (2). **LOB:** Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 9. **2B:** Rave (2), Massey (14), Aranda (11), Walls (9), DeLuca (13). **HR:** Rojas (1), off Baker. **RBIs:** Rojas (4), Vilade (27), Aranda (53), Díaz (51), DeLuca (23). **SB:** Misner (2), Simpson 2 (19). **S:** DeLuca, Simpson. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 5 (Jensen 2, Misner, Collins 2); Tampa Bay 5 (Simpson, Fortes, DeLuca, Aranda 2). **RISP:** Kansas City 0 for 8; Tampa Bay 4 for 12. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Loftin, Massey, Caglianone); Tampa Bay 1 (Walls, Aranda).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cameron, L, 4-5	5.0	8	5	5	3	5	108	4.50
Erceg	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	8	5.16
Lynch	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.45
Way	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	16	3.97

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jax, W, 3-5	5.0	5	2	0	2	7	88	3.33
Sulser, H, 5	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	14	5.40
Kelly, H, 16	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.52
Cleavinger, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	4.43
Baker, S, 20-23	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	17	2.01

T: 2:32. **A:** 11,857 (25,025).

Rockies 8, Red Sox 6

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Eaton lf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.250
Rafaela cf	5	1	3	1	0	2	.286
Abreu rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.276
Contreras 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.280
Durbin 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Mayer ss	2	1	1	0	0	0	.224
Seigler 2b-3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.300
Monasterio ss-2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.224
Wong dh	4	2	2	2	0	1	.270
Narváez c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Gasper ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Totals	**37**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**1**	**8**	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Castro 2b-3b	5	2	3	0	0	1	.282
Freeman rf-2b	3	2	2	2	0	1	.280
Rumfield 1b	5	0	2	1	0	1	.284
Goodman dh	4	1	0	0	1	2	.239
Carrigg cf	4	1	2	3	0	2	.271
McCarthy lf-rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.296
Fulford c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Johnston ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.314
B.Sullivan c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Karros 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.249
Moniak ph-lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.282
Totals	**38**	**8**	**14**	**8**	**1**	**11**	

Boston	**120 210 000**	**—**	**6**	**11**	**2**
Colorado	**002 100 32x**	**—**	**8**	**14**	**0**

E: Seigler (2), Mayer (4). **LOB:** Boston 5, Colorado 10. **2B:** Contreras (13), Rafaela (18), Mayer (10), Seigler (2), Narváez (6), Rumfield (15), Carrigg (2). **3B:** Rafaela (3), Narváez (1). **HR:** Wong (1), off Freeland; Monasterio (3), off Freeland. **RBIs:** Contreras (46), Wong 2 (12), Monasterio (12), Rafaela (34), Seigler (1), Rumfield (43), Carrigg 3 (11), Freeman 2 (22), McCarthy (32), Johnston (35). **SB:** Castro (6). **SF:** Carrigg. **S:** Freeman. **RISP:** Boston 3 for 11; Colorado 7 for 13.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Suarez	6.0	7	3	2	1	9	102	2.94
Guerrero, H, 5	0.2	2	3	0	0	1	25	3.46
Coulombe, BS, 0-1	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	5	4.58
Slaten, L, 0-4	1.0	4	2	2	0	1	19	6.48

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Freeland	6.0	11	6	6	1	4	81	7.50
Senzatela, W, 8-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	33	2.13
Herget, S, 2-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	4.19

T: 2:36. **A:** 27,379 (50,144).

PIrates 11, Mariners 1

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.224
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.166
J.Rodríguez cf	4	0	2	1	0	2	.248
Naylor 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.257
Arozarena lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.284
Wilson lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Canzone dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Raley rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.235
Young 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.254
Emerson ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Totals	**34**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**0**	**13**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Horwitz 1b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.280
Valdez ph-rf	3	1	2	1	0	1	.167
Lowe 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.246
Reynolds lf	4	1	2	1	1	1	.290
Cook pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.160
Gonzales 3b	5	2	2	0	0	1	.297
O'Hearn dh	5	2	4	3	0	0	.285
E.Rodríguez c	4	1	2	3	1	1	.263
Callihan rf-1b	3	1	1	2	0	1	.273
Mangum cf-lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.298
Triolo ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Totals	**38**	**11**	**15**	**11**	**3**	**7**	

Seattle	**100 000 000**	**—**	**1**	**7**	**1**
Pittsburgh	**000 500 42x**	**—**	**11**	**15**	**0**

E: Crawford (8). **LOB:** Seattle 6, Pittsburgh 7. **2B:** Young (12), Naylor (10), O'Hearn 3 (11), E.Rodríguez (5), Valdez (2), Reynolds (19). **3B:** Callihan (2). **RBIs:** J.Rodríguez (38), E.Rodríguez 3 (11), Callihan 2 (9), Mangum (14), Valdez (6), O'Hearn 3 (44), Reynolds (52). **SB:** Mangum (14). **SF:** Callihan. **RISP:** Seattle 1 for 10; Pittsburgh 9 for 14. **DP:** Seattle 1 (Young, Emerson, Naylor).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Woo, L, 6-6	4.0	6	5	5	2	4	86	4.26
Rucker	2.0	2	0	0	0	3	26	3.00
Davila	1.0	4	4	4	1	0	24	2.63
Hoppe	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	22	5.87

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ashcraft, W, 7-3	6.0	5	1	1	0	10	86	3.07
Mlodzinski, S, 2-2	3.0	2	0	0	0	3	39	3.57

T: 2:31. **A:** 18,750 (38,753).

Astros 3, Blue Jays 1

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.239
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	2	1	.322
Peña ss	3	1	1	1	2	1	.285
Paredes 1b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.248
Loperfido lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.241
Meyers cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Diaz c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Smith rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.220
Matthews cf-lf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.201
Delgado 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Totals	**31**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**8**	**8**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.223
Lukes rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.301
Straw ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Guerrero 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.277
Okamoto 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Varsho cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.266
Kirk c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Schneider lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.158
Giménez ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Clement ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.292
Urías 2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.429
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**6**	

Houston	**100 000 011 —**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Toronto	**100 000 000 —**	**1**	**4**	**2**

E: Giménez (3), Hoffman (1). **LOB:** Houston 10, Toronto 4. **2B:** Paredes (15). **3B:** Loperfido (1). **HR:** Lukes (3), off Burrows. **RBIs:** Paredes (40), Peña (19), Lukes (15). **SB:** Smith (9), Varsho (7). **S:** Delgado. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 5 (Matthews 2, Loperfido, Paredes 2); Toronto 1 (Schneider). **RISP:** Houston 1 for 8; Toronto 0 for 2. **DP:** Houston 1 (Altuve, Smith, Peña, Smith).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burrows	6.0	2	1	1	1	3	93	5.48
Okert, W, 1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	19	2.35
King, H, 8	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	2.38
Hader, S, 6-6	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	15	0.90

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yesavage	5.2	2	1	1	5	5	105	3.56
Nance	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.81
Hoffman, L, 5-5	1.1	1	1	0	1	2	13	4.84
Fluharty	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	20	3.98

T: 2:34. **A:** 39,264 (39,150).

Phillies 5, Nationals 4

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	5	0	2	0	0	1	.229
Marsh lf	4	1	3	0	0	1	.321
Harper dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.264
Bohm 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.227
Stott 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.241
Realmuto c	2	0	0	1	1	0	.203
Rincones rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.143
Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Schwarber ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.252
Stubbs pr-3b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Crawford cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Hill ph-cf	1	1	1	2	0	0	.238
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**6**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.265
García 1b	3	1	1	1	2	1	.263
Tena dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.222
Abrams ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	.287
Lile lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.248
Crews cf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.212
Vivas 3b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.262
Mead ph-3b	2	1	1	2	0	0	.224
Millas c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.177
Nuñez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.238
Totals	**33**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**3**	**10**	

Philadelphia	**000 300 002 —**	**5**	**8**	**0**
Washington	**110 002 000 —**	**4**	**6**	**1**

E: Nuñez (10). **LOB:** Philadelphia 5, Washington 7. **2B:** Stott (15), Turner (13), Abrams (16). **3B:** Tena (2). **HR:** Hill (5), off Lovelady; García (13), off Nola; Vivas (3), off Nola; Mead (13), off Bowlan. **RBIs:** Stott (40), Realmuto (23), Rincones (3), Hill 2 (11), García (49), Vivas (14), Mead 2 (38). **SB:** Abrams (13). **CS:** Marsh (3). **SF:** Realmuto. **RISP:** Philadelphia 2 for 5; Washington 0 for 3.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Nola	5.0	3	2	2	2	5	86	5.58
Backhus, H, 1	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	7	5.23
Bowlan, BS, 0-3	0.1	1	1	1	0	1	12	3.80
Alvarado	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	26	6.11
Johnson, W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6.75
Duran, S, 19-20	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	16	1.69

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Palmquist	3.1	2	1	1	1	3	58	2.70
Mikolas	3.1	5	2	0	0	1	60	5.24
Poulin, H, 6	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.84
Ribalta, H, 7	0.2	0	1	1	1	1	23	3.52
Lovelady, L, 2-4, BS, 4-7	0.1	1	1	1	0	0	6	3.90

T: 3:02. **A:** 27,200 (41,376).

Dodgers 4, Twins 3

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani p-dh-dh	5	1	2	1	0	2	.295
Pages cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.266
Freeman 1b	3	1	2	0	1	1	.282
Betts ss	4	1	3	1	0	0	.230
Muncy 3b	4	0	2	1	0	2	.266
Call rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.262
Ward lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Edman lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.364
Rushing c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.245
Freeland 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.241
Totals	**35**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**11**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.276
Keaschall ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.249
Buxton cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.270
Clemens rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.241
Bell dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.245
Caratini c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.242
1-Fedko pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Jackson c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.317
Lewis 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.206
Lee 3b	2	1	1	0	2	1	.240
Gray 2b	3	1	2	0	0	1	.248
Martin ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.242
Kreidler ss	4	0	1	2	0	0	.281
Totals	**34**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**4**	**14**	

Los Angeles	**013 000 000 —**	**4**	**10**	**0**
Minnesota	**030 000 000 —**	**3**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Los Angeles 7, Minnesota 8. **2B:** Freeland (7), Betts (7), Gray (5). **HR:** Betts (9), off Ryan. **RBIs:** Betts (21), Ohtani (46), Muncy (34), Call (16), Kreidler 2 (20). **SB:** Muncy (1), Pages (8), Lee (4). **SF:** Call. **RISP:** Los Angeles 4 for 11; Minnesota 2 for 5 **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Kreidler, Gray, Lewis).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ohtani, W, 8-2	6.0	5	3	2	2	8	89	1.58
Hurt, H, 8	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	26	3.42
Vesia, H, 12	1.0	2	0	0	0	3	21	2.39
Scott, S, 11-12	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	15	2.18

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ryan, L, 5-4	6.0	8	4	4	1	9	98	3.18
Banda	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	24	4.09
Gómez	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.55
Morris	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	7	4.29

T: 2:42. **A:** 39,853 (38,544).

Marlins 4, Rangers 2

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.242
Langford cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.270
Jung 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.296
Nimmo rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Burger 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Duran ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Osuna lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.261
Díaz c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.280
N.Lopez 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.300
Foscue ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Totals	**31**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**	**7**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.293
O.Lopez ss	3	2	2	2	1	0	.340
Stowers 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.224
Hernández lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Conine dh	4	0	1	1	0	3	.212
Marsee cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Caissie rf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.228
Ruiz ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Jiménez 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.177
Sanoja 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Navarreto c	1	1	0	0	1	1	.000
Totals	**28**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**3**	**11**	

Texas	**000 100 001 —**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Miami	**000 110 02x —**	**4**	**6**	**0**

LOB: Texas 2, Miami 4. **2B:** Conine (2). **3B:** Stowers (2). **HR:** Langford (7), off Pérez; Pederson (11), off Fairbanks; O.Lopez (6), off Winn. **RBIs:** Langford (17), Pederson (27), Conine (5), Edwards (28), O.Lopez 2 (35). **SB:** N.Lopez (2), Langford (5). **CS:** N.Lopez (1). **S:** Navarreto. **RISP:** Texas 0 for 1; Miami 1 for 5. **GIDP:** O.Lopez. **DP:** Texas 1 (N.Lopez, Duran, Burger).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
deGrom, L, 6-5	6.0	4	2	2	2	8	91	3.55
Alexander	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.78
Winn	0.2	2	2	2	1	0	15	6.38
Ahlstrom	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.96

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez	4.2	3	1	1	0	1	68	4.41
King, W, 5-1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	2.08
Bender, H, 8	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	15	2.73
Petersen, H, 11	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	13	3.18
Fairbanks, S, 12-14	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	10	6.75

T: 2:27. **A:** 13,710 (37,446).

Diamondbacks 9, Cardinals 4

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte dh	5	1	2	1	0	0	.265
Perdomo ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Carroll rf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.279
Moreno c	2	1	1	1	2	0	.278
Arenado 3b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.238
Troy cf	5	2	2	2	0	1	.241
Barrosa cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.181
Gurriel lf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.223
Tawa lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.172
Vargas 2b	4	1	1	2	1	0	.261
Groover 1b	3	2	1	2	2	1	.186
Totals	**39**	**9**	**12**	**9**	**5**	**5**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Herrera dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	.261
Torres ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Walker rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.290
Church ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Velázquez lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Crooks c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.170
Fermín 3b-cf-lf	3	3	2	1	1	0	.277
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Nootbaar cf-lf-rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.288
Jordan 1b-3b	3	0	2	3	0	0	.286
Pagés c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Burleson ph-1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.288
Totals	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**2**	**7**	

Arizona	**000 600 210 —**	**9**	**12**	**0**
St. Louis	**010 100 002 —**	**4**	**8**	**1**

E: Jordan (1). **LOB:** Arizona 9, St. Louis 6. **2B:** Vargas (11), Arenado (14), Troy (3), Gurriel (6), Jordan (3). **3B:** Nootbaar (1). **HR:** Groover (1), off Liberatore; Marte (13), off Liberatore; Fermín (3), off Jameson. **RBIs:** Troy 2 (7), Vargas 2 (44), Groover 2 (4), Marte (47), Gurriel (16), Moreno (26), Jordan 3 (12), Fermín (15). **SB:** Fermín (3). **SF:** Moreno, Jordan. **RISP:** Arizona 5 for 16; St. Louis 2 for 6.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bratt	3.0	2	1	1	2	3	54	3.00
Thompson, W, 3-1	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	21	2.86
Loáisiga	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.73
Clarke	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	10	2.10
Jameson	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	29	5.79

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Liberatore, L, 3-5	5.1	8	6	6	2	3	98	5.56
Graceffo	1.2	2	2	2	2	0	32	3.26
Bruihl	2.0	2	1	0	1	2	43	4.15

T: 2:54. **A:** 22,376 (44,494).

Brewers 6, Reds 5

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yelich dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Chourio lf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.296
Turang 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.265
Contreras c	3	2	3	2	2	0	.302
Bauers 1b	4	2	2	1	1	1	.271
Mitchell cf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.248
Vaughn ph	1	0	1	3	0	0	.351
Perkins pr-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.153
Frelick rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.232
Pratt ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Hamilton 3b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.228
Totals	**37**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**4**	**8**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Dunn lf	4	0	2	1	0	2	.279
Arroyo 2b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.236
De La Cruz ss	4	1	1	0	2	0	.276
Myers cf	5	0	0	0	1	1	.255
Stewart 3b	4	1	2	1	1	1	.249
Steer 1b	5	1	2	2	0	0	.240
Suárez dh	3	0	2	1	1	0	.209
Marte rf	3	1	0	0	2	1	.200
Stephenson c	1	0	0	0	2	0	.212
Lowe ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.256
Trevino c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.178
McLain 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Bleday ph-lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.243
Totals	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**11**	**6**	

Milwaukee	**003 000 300 —**	**6**	**11**	**1**
Cincinnati	**000 001 130 —**	**5**	**11**	**0**

E: Frelick (1). **LOB:** Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 16. **2B:** Frelick (11), Vaughn (12), Chourio (13), Suárez 2 (9), Dunn (7), Stewart (17). **3B:** Turang (3). **HR:** Contreras (8), off Lowder; Bauers (14), off Lowder; Steer (13), off Yoho. **RBIs:** Contreras 2 (48), Bauers (48), Vaughn 3 (24), Dunn (6), Suárez (26), Stewart (55), Steer 2 (33). **CS:** Contreras (2). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1 for 10; Cincinnati 3 for 17. Milwaukee 2 (Pratt, Turang, Bauers; Pratt, Turang, Bauers).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Drohan	4.1	5	0	0	3	5	98	3.12
Patrick, W, 5-3	1.2	1	1	1	3	1	40	3.36
Anderson	0.2	2	1	1	2	0	24	3.41
Yoho, H, 1	1.0	2	3	3	1	0	21	6.00
Kuhnel, S, 6-7	1.1	1	0	0	2	0	31	4.18

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lowder, L, 3-5	5.2	8	3	3	1	6	100	4.81
Moll	1.0	2	3	3	2	0	22	3.82
Antone	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	17	2.49
Burke	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	15	2.89

T: 3:22. **A:** 22,981 (43,891).

Padres 5, Braves 2

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Dubón lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.264
Harris cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.306
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Olson 1b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.270
Riley 3b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.214
White rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Bart c	4	1	2	2	0	0	.246
Mateo dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Baldwin ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Kim ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.077
Smith ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Totals	**34**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**6**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis 2b-rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.283
Taylor lf	4	0	2	2	0	1	.379
Machado 3b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.184
Bogaerts ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.230
Merrill cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Andujar dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.246
France 1b	3	2	2	2	0	1	.252
Fermin c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.145
Bowen rf	2	1	1	0	1	1	.133
Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Song 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Totals	**28**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**6**	**8**	

Atlanta	**000 002 000 —**	**2**	**6**	**1**
San Diego	**001 112 00x —**	**5**	**7**	**1**

E: Olson (4), Tatis (5). **LOB:** Atlanta 7, San Diego 7. **2B:** Dubón (15), Bowen (1), France (7). **HR:** Bart (3), off Sears; France (9), off Pérez. **RBIs:** Bart 2 (9), France 2 (26), Bogaerts (30), Taylor 2 (11). **SB:** Taylor (6), Tatis (19), Bogaerts (10), Bowen (3). **CS:** Taylor (1). **SF:** France. **S:** Fermin. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 6 (Albies, Mateo 3, Bart, White); San Diego 5 (Andujar 2, Taylor, Bowen 2). **RISP:** Atlanta 0 for 7; San Diego 2 for 11. **DP:** Atlanta 1 (Kim, Albies, Olson).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez, L, 6-4	4.0	4	3	3	4	4	82	3.00
Karinchak	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	0.00
Dodd	0.1	1	2	2	1	0	11	2.84
Kinley	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	10	3.10
Fuentes	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	15	2.35
Hamilton	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	13.50

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sears, W, 1-0	5.2	5	2	2	2	5	81	3.18
Morgan, H, 1	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	16	4.29
Peralta, H, 3	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	15	1.82
Adam, S, 2-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2.45

T: 2:38. **A:** 40,183 (40,222).

Giants 2, Athletics 1

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bolte cf	2	0	1	0	1	1	.308
Kurtz 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Langeliers c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.265
Soderstrom lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Wilson ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Heim ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Meneses dh	2	0	0	0	1	0	.143
Butler rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.192
Muncy 3b-ss	3	1	1	1	0	2	.230
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Totals	**28**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**7**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Chapman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Eldridge 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.285
Schmitt 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.295
Devers dh	4	1	1	1	0	2	.239
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Lee rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.333
Bericoto lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.227
Haase c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.207
Gilbert ph-cf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.234
Cox cf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.368
Susac c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Totals	**30**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**3**	**13**	

Athletics	**000 000 010 —**	**1**	**3**	**0**
San Francisco	**000 000 002 —**	**2**	**6**	**1**

Two outs when winning run scored. a-walked for Haase in the 8th. b-flied out for Wilson in the 9th. **E:** Schmitt (3). **LOB:** Athletics 4, San Francisco 6. **2B:** Bolte (6), Lee (19). **HR:** Muncy (5), off Smith; Devers (12), off Alvarado; Bericoto (2), off Alvarado. **RBIs:** Muncy (18), Devers (38), Bericoto (2). **SB:** Bolte (9). **S:** Cox. **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 2 (Kurtz, Heim); San Francisco 2 (Bericoto, Schmitt). **RISP:** Athletics 0 for 4; San Francisco 0 for 3.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jump	5.0	3	0	0	1	9	97	2.04
Sterner	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.96
Harris	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	3.65
Medina, H, 5	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	21	4.29
Alvarado, L, 3-3, BS, 2-3	0.2	2	2	2	0	0	12	6.20

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mahle	5.2	2	0	0	2	4	70	5.49
Hentges	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.77
Walker	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.95
Smith	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	13	1.17
Miller, W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	14	4.29

T: 2:28. **A:** 37,526 (41,915).

FIFA World Cup

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Mexico	3	2	0	0	3	0	6
y-South Africa	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
South Korea	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Czechia	3	0	1	3	2	6	1

GROUP A
Thursday, June 11
Mexico 2, South Africa 0
South Korea 2, Czechia 1
Thursday, June 18
Czechia 1, South Africa 1
Mexico 1, South Korea 0
Wednesday
Mexico 3, Czechia 0
South Africa 1, South Korea 0

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Switzerland	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
y-Canada	3	1	1	1	8	3	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Qatar	3	0	1	2	2	10	1

GROUP B
Friday, June 12
Canada 1, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1
Saturday, June 13
Qatar 1, Switzerland 1
Thursday, June 18
Switzerland 4, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1
Canada 6, Qatar 0
Wednesday
Switzerland 2, Canada 1
Bosnia-Herzegovina 3, Qatar 1

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
y-Morocco	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Scotland	3	1	0	1	1	4	3
Haiti	3	0	0	2	2	8	0

GROUP C
Saturday, June 13
Brazil 1, Morocco 1
Scotland 1, Haiti 0
Friday, June 19
Morocco 1, Scotland 0
Brazil 3, Haiti 0
Wednesday
Brazil 3, Scotland 0
Morocco 4, Haiti 2

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-United States	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**	**6**
Australia	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Paraguay	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Turkey	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP D
Friday, June 12
United States 4, Paraguay 1
Sunday, June 14
Australia 2, Turkey 0
Friday, June 19
United States 2, Australia 0
Paraguay 1, Turkey 0
Thursday
Turkey vs. **United States,** 10pm
Paraguay vs. Australia, 10pm

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Germany	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Ivory Coast	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Ecuador	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Curacao	2	0	1	1	1	7	1

GROUP E
Sunday, June 14
Germany 7, Curacao 1
Ivory Coast 1, Ecuador 0
Saturday, June 20
Germany 2, Ivory Coast 1
Ecuador 0, Curacao 0
Thursday
Ecuador vs. Germany, 4pm
Curacao vs. Ivory Coast, 4pm

GROUP F

	GP	WD	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	2	11	0	7	3	4
Japan	2	11	0	6	2	4
Sweden	2	10	1	6	6	3
Tunisia	2	00	2	1	9	0

GROUP F
Sunday, June 14
Netherlands 2, Japan 2
Sweden 5, Tunisia 1
Saturday, June 20
Netherlands 5, Sweden 1
Sunday, June 21
Japan 4, Tunisia 0

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Egypt	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Iran	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Belgium	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
New Zealand	2	0	1	1	3	5	1

GROUP G
Monday, June 15
Belgium 1, Egypt 1
Iran 2, New Zealand 2
Sunday, June 21
Belgium 0, Iran 0
Egypt 3, New Zealand 1
Friday
New Zealand vs. Belgium, 11pm
Egypt vs. Iran, 11pm

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Uruguay	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Cape Verde	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Saudi Arabia	2	0	1	1	1	5	1

GROUP H
Monday, June 15
Spain 0, Cape Verde 0
Saudi Arabia 1, Uruguay 1
Sunday, June 21
Spain 4, Saudi Arabia 0
Uruguay 2, Cape Verde 2
Friday
Uruguay 2, Spain 2
Cape Verde vs. Saudi Arabia, 8pm

GROUP I

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
y-France	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
y-Norway	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
Senegal	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Iraq	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP I
Tuesday, June 16
France 3, Senegal 1
Iraq 1, Norway 4
Monday, June 22
France 3, Iraq 0
Norway 3, Senegal 2
Friday
Norway vs. France, 3pm
Senegal vs. Iraq, 3pm

GROUP J

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Argentina	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Algeria	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Jordan	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

GROUP J
Tuesday, June 16
Argentina 3, Algeria 0
Wednesday, June 17
Austria 3, Jordan 1
Monday, June 22
Argentina 2, Austria 0
Algeria 2, Jordan 1
Saturday
Jordan vs. Argentina, 10pm
Algeria vs. Austria, 10pm

GROUP K

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Colombia	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Portugal	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Congo	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Uzbekistan	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

GROUP K
Wednesday, June 17
Portugal 1, Congo 1
Colombia 3 Uzbekistan 1
Tuesday
Portugal 5, Uzbekistan 0
Colombia 1, Congo 0
Saturday
Colombia vs. Portugal, 7:30pm
Congo vs. Uzbekistan, 7:30pm

GROUP L

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Ghana	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Croatia	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Panama	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

GROUP L
Wednesday, June 17
England 4, Croatia 2
Ghana 1, Panama 0
Tuesday
England 0, Ghana 0
Croatia 1, Panama 0
Saturday
Panama vs. England, 5pm
Croatia vs. Ghana, 5pm

x-Clinched group, y-advances to the round of 32

The POST Line

MLB

Thursday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Yankees	$131-156	RED SOX
Cubs	-106-116	**METS**
RAYS	$117-142	Royals
TIGERS	-104-112	Astros
BLUE JAYS	$125-151	Rangers
Phillies	$153-188	NATIONALS
CARDINALS	$113-136	Diamondbacks
Mariners	$116-140	PIRATES
Athletics	-105-117	GIANTS

Home team in CAPS

WNBA

Favorite	Thursday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Liberty	12.5 (167.5)	STORM
Sparks	1.5 (180.5)	TEMPO
ACES	4.5 (175.5)	Wings
	Tuesday	
LIBERTY	3.5 (173.5)	Aces

FIFA World Cup

Favorite	Thursday Money Line	Underdog
*Ivory Coast	$625-1400	Curacao
**Germany	$115-270	Ecuador
***Japan	$118-310	Sweden
****Netherlands	$800-1850	Tunisia
*****Paraguay	$188-290	Australia
******U.S.	$105-255	Turkey

*Philadelphia, **MetLife Stadium, ***Dallas, ****Kansas City, Mo., *****Santa Clara, Calif., ******Inglewood, Calif.

Favorite	Friday	Underdog
*France	$145-360	Norway
**Senegal	$450-1000	Iraq
***Cape Verde	$140-185	Saudi Arabia
****Spain	$190-525	Uruguay
*****Egypt	$145-250	Iran
******Belgium	$600-1350	New Zealand

*Foxborough, Mass., **Toronto, ***Houston, ****Guadalajara, *****Seattle, ******Vancouver

TOP PLAY

No pressure brings lot of goals in USA-Turkey

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

It's been a carnival-like atmosphere around Team USA at the 2026 World Cup so far, but things will feel different when the Stars & Stripes line up against Turkey on Thursday night.

GIO REYNA

This is a dead-rubber match.

The United States has already won Group D and knows which spot it will occupy in the bracket in the round of 32. Turkey has been eliminated from the competition after losing its first two matches. The Turks are playing for pride Thursday.

Unsurprisingly, the betting market is siding with the United States in this glorified friendly. The Yanks are -115 on the three-way moneyline, while Turkey is +260. The draw is +310.

Those odds would have looked a lot different two weeks ago, as the Crescent-Stars were billed as the second favorites in Group D, not too far behind the Yanks.

Mauricio Pochettino will likely dress plenty of reserves in this match to give his key players a rest ahead of the round of 32, but there will still be plenty of attacking talent on display. Gio Reyna, Tim Weah and Brenden Aaronson are all expected to get big minutes.

Turkey has been a disappointment in this tournament so far, but it has also been quite unlucky, scoring zero goals despite generating 3.53 expected goals.

I expect both attacks to play with freedom in this environment, and that should lead to a wide-open game with plenty of scoring chances.

Enjoy the show. Bet the Over.

THE PLAY: USA-Turkey Over 3.5 goals (+190, FanDuel).

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Phils rally to beat Nationals

Derek Hill hit a two-out, two-run pinch home run in the ninth inning to lift the Phillies past the Nationals 5-4 in Washington. The comeback came a night after the Phillies had an eight-run ninth inning in a 14-9 victory over the Nationals.

● In San Diego, **Ty France** homered and **JP Sears** won his season debut for the Padres, who beat the NL East-leading Braves 5-2 for a three-game sweep.

● In Cincinnati, **William Contreras** and **Jake Bauers** hit back-to-back homers in the third inning and the Brewers beat the Reds 6-5 to complete a three-game sweep.

● In Minneapolis, **Mookie Betts** backed **Shohei Ohtani** with his 300th career home run, three hits and slick defense as the Dodgers finished a three-game sweep of the Twins with a 4-3 victory.

● In Toronto, **Joey Loperfido** scored the tiebreaking run on **Jeff Hoffman**'s errant pickoff throw in the eighth inning and the Astros beat the Blue Jays 3-1 for their sixth victory in eight games.

● In Chicago, **Khalil Watson** singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning for his third RBI of the day, and the Guardians survived a ninth-inning collapse to beat the White Sox 4-3.

● In San Francisco, **Rafael Devers** hit a tying home run leading off the ninth and **Victor Bericoto** connected one out with a drive over the center-field fence, sending the Giants to a 2-1 victory against the Athletics.

● In Miami, **Otto Lopez** homered and the Marlins beat the Rangers 4-2 in Miami. The Marlins improved to a major league-best 16-5 in June.

NBA: Reaves to stay with Lakers

Austin Reaves is re-signing with the Lakers on a four-year contract worth $185 million, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

Reaves is declining his $14.9 million player option for the upcoming season to reach this deal with the team that signed him out of Oklahoma after the draft in 2021.

NHL: Caps acquire Tuch from Sabres

The Sabres have agreed to a sign-and-trade deal to send veteran forward **Alex Tuch** to the Capitals, a person with knowledge of the move told The AP. To make it happen, the Sabres first signed Tuch to an eight-year, $84 million contract.

● **Bobby McMann** will stick with the Kraken after signing a six-year deal worth $34.5 million, the same day Seattle acquired fellow forward **Mackie Samoskevich** in a trade with the Panthers.

NFL: Strange signs new Jags deal

The Jaguars agreed to a three-year contract extension with tight end **Brenton Strange** worth up to $48 million, his agents told multiple media outlets. Strange, 25, had career highs with 46 receptions on 60 targets for 540 yards and three touchdowns last season.

WNBA: Clark injured in Fever loss

Kahleah Copper shot 15-for-16 from the free-throw line and finished with 28 points, and the Mercury beat Indiana 111-109 in Indianapolis after Fever star **Caitlin Clark** left with a back injury in the third quarter.

Clark had 19 points and eight assists in 20 minutes. The All-Star guard has been dealing with a back issue this season and left with 5:15 remaining in the third quarter. She went back to the locker room and didn't return.

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Yankees	Schlittler (R)		8-3	1.70	12-4	1-0	1.32	1-0	1-0	18.2	0.96
Red Sox	Early (L)	(7:10pm)	6-5	3.64	6-9	0-1	5.06	0-1	1-2	15.1	5.28
Cubs	Boyd (L)		2-1	6.00	3-2	0-0	0.00	2-0	1-0	14.2	5.52
Mets	Peralta (R)	(7:10pm)	5-6	4.83	8-8	0-1	4.76	9-4	1-2	13.2	11.20
Mariners	Miller (R)		3-1	1.58	3-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	19.0	1.42
Pirates	Chandler (R)	(12:35pm)	2-7	4.62	4-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	16.2	4.32
Athletics	Springs (L)		3-7	5.55	6-10	0-0	1.35	0-1	0-1	12.2	12.08
Giants	Roupp (R)	(3:45pm)	5-7	4.14	5-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	16.1	3.86
Royals	Lugo (R)		3-4	3.69	7-8	1-0	3.00	3-0	1-0	14.1	4.40
Rays	Seymour (L)	(12:10pm)	3-1	4.98	2-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	11.0	4.09
Astros	Imai (R)		4-3	6.15	6-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	11.2	7.71
Tigers	Melton (R)	(6:40pm)	4-0	2.56	4-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-0	19.0	3.32
Rangers	Gore (L)		4-6	4.07	7-9	0-1	5.40	1-1	0-1	18.0	3.50
Blue Jays	Gausman (R)	(7:07pm)	4-5	4.04	8-8	1-0	1.12	8-3	0-1	14.0	7.71
Phillies	Sánchez (L)		9-3	1.80	11-5	0-0	1.69	3-2	2-1	18.2	3.38
Nationals	Cavalli (R)	(6:45pm)	4-4	4.07	6-10	0-0	1.50	1-0	1-1	12.2	6.39
D'Backs	Gallen (R)		3-6	6.10	6-10	0-1	6.35	1-2	0-1	15.1	9.39
Cardinals	McGreevy (R)	(7:45pm)	3-6	3.35	7-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	17.0	4.76

* **REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Double play! Royals and A's

"Gotta ask. You're riding high again. Have you been making your selections with dangerous lollipops hanging over the keyboard?" *— Jazzman*

No, Jazzman (LOL), but this sucker is going for a Double Bubble. Playing two. We went with the Royals' Seth Lugo on June 4 and regretted it. Lugo has settled since, allowing two runs in his next $9\frac{1}{3}$ innings. The Rays' Ian Seymour has made three starts. The last one didn't go as planned (3 runs over 5 frames). Taking Lugo and the Royals for $100 ... and ... the A's Jeffrey Springs has been shelled (12 runs in his past $7\frac{2}{3}$), but limited the Giants to one run back in May. Play $50 on Springs and the A's.

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Finish the job. The Blue Jays didn't Tuesday, but Wednesday the Marlins held off the Rangers and won 4-2. Eury Pérez gave up just one run over $4\frac{2}{3}$ innings. Otto Lopez homered. The Fish are now 16-5 in June. Win has us at +112 joshbecketts.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY June 25	FRI June 26	SAT June 27	SUN June 28	MON June 29
	Boston 7:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 1:10 ABC 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:20 NBC/Peacock 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Philadelphia 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Philadelphia 4:10 SNY 880 AM	Philadelphia 1:40 SNY 880 AM	Toronto 7:07 SNY 880 AM
	Seattle 10:00 My9	NO GAME	NO GAME	Golden State 7:00 ESPN	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22		Wednesday, July 22		Friday	
	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
Noon	Royals at Rays	MLBN
7 p.m.	Rangers at Blue Jays	MLBN
7:10 p.m.	Yankees at Red Sox	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7:10 p.m.	Cubs at Mets	SNY, 880 AM
MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP		
4 p.m.	Group Stage: Ecuador vs. Germany	Fox, Telemundo
4 p.m.	Group Stage: Curacao vs. Ivory Coast	FS1, Universo
7 p.m.	Group Stage: Tunisia vs. Netherlands	Fox, Telemundo
7 p.m.	Group Stage: Japan vs. Sweden	FS1, Universo
10 p.m.	Group Stage: Turkey vs. U.S.	Fox, Telemundo
10 p.m.	Group Stage: Paraguay vs. Australia	FS1, Universo
WNBA BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	Sparks at Tempo	Prime Video
10 p.m.	Wings at Aces	NBATV
10 p.m.	Liberty at Storm	My9
GOLF		
7 a.m.	DP World Tour: DS Automobiles 83° Open d'Italia, 1st Round	Golf
11 a.m.	LPGA Tour: KPMG Women's PGA Championship, 1st Round	Golf
3 p.m.	PGA Tour: Travelers Championship, 1st Round	Golf
SOFTBALL		
7 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Talons at Blaze	ESPN
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, Quarterfinals	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Bad Homburg, Quarterfinals	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Mallorca, Quarterfinals	Tennis
5 a.m. (Fri.)	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, Semifinals	Tennis
5 a.m. (Fri.)	WTA Bad Homburg, Semifinals	Tennis
5 a.m. (Fri.)	ATP Mallorca, Semifinals	Tennis
HORSE RACING		
Noon	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
1 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
RUGBY		
5:55 a.m.(Fri.)	NRL: Sydney at Brisbane	FS2

GOLF

Favorites to win 2026 Dick's Open

GOLFER	ODDS	GOLFER	ODDS
Padraig Harrington	+600	Michael Block	33/1
Scott Hend	+900	Rory Sabbatini	33/1
Retief Goosen	11/1	Steve Stricker	33/1
Freddie Jacobson	14/1	Y.E. Yang	33/1
George McNeill	14/1	Charlie Wi	35/1
Tommy Gainey	16/1	Vaughn Taylor	35/1
Miguel Angel Jiménez	18/1	Boo Weekley	40/1
Steve Allan	20/1	Doug Barron	40/1
Alex Cejka	22/1	Stephen Ames	40/1
Ben Crane	22/1	Bo Van Pelt	50/1
Darren Clarke	22/1	David Toms	50/1
Richard Green	25/1	K.J. Choi	50/1
Thongchai Jaidee	25/1	Dicky Pride	66/1
Bernhard Langer	33/1	Greg Chalmers	66/1
Jason Caron	33/1	Mark Hensby	66/1

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP

Thursday
USA vs. Turkey

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
USA	-115
Draw	+310
Turkey	+260
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 1.5	-470
Under 1.5	+340
Over 2.5	-140
Under 2.5	+114
Over 3.5	+190
Under 3.5	-235
HALFTIME SCORE	**ODDS**
USA	+140
Draw	+130
Turkey	+290
BOTH TEAMS SCORE	**ODDS**
Yes	-158
No	+124
ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	**ODDS**
Folarin Balogun (USA)	+155
Christian Pulisic (USA)	+160
Ricardo Pepi (USA)	+165
Haji Wright (USA)	+280
Alex Zendejas (USA)	+280
Giovanni Reyna (USA)	+290
Malik Tillman (USA)	+300
Kenan Yildiz (Turkey)	+310
Deniz Gul (Turkey)	+310
Arda Guler (Turkey)	+320
Brenden Aaronson (USA)	+320
Timothy Weah (USA)	+390
TEAM EXACT GOALS	**ODDS**
USA 0	+390
USA 1	+195
USA 2	+230
USA 3	+470
USA 4 or more	+750
Turkey 0	+180
Turkey 1	+150
Turkey 2	+310
Turkey 3	+900
Turkey 4 or more	22/1
WINNING MARGIN	**ODDS**
USA by exactly 1 goal	+300
USA by exactly 2 goals	+440
Turkey by exactly 1 goal	+490
Turkey by exactly 2 goals	+950
USA by exactly 3 goals	+950
0-0 draw	14/1
USA by 4 or more goals	17/1
Turkey by exactly 3 goals	27/1
Turkey by 4 or more goals	70/1
WILL A PENALTY BE AWARDED?	**ODDS**
Yes	+178
USA TOP GOAL SCORER IN TOURNAMENT	**ODDS**
Folarin Balogun	-900
Ricardo Pepi	11/1
Giovanni Reyna	12/1
Alex Freeman	20/1
Malik Tillman	40/1
Weston McKennie	40/1

BET SMART

Bull-y for Wilson in ROY race

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RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME: Caleb Wilson has huge value at +950 to win NBA Rookie of the Year, writes Malik Smith. The former UNC Tar Heel landed in a good situation in Chicago, while the other lottery picks will face issues on their new teams.

By MALIK SMITH

Day 1 of the NBA draft is in the books after a night featuring a flurry of trades. The beginning of the night went as many had expected once the lottery showed which teams would pick at the top of the draft.

Standout BYU forward AJ Dybantsa was taken No. 1 overall by the Wizards, Kansas guard Darryn Peterson went second to the Jazz, Duke forward Cameron Boozer was the third pick for the Grizzlies and North Carolina's Caleb Wilson went to the Bulls at No. 4.

The latest NBA Rookie of the Year odds don't exactly match the draft board, though. Boozer tops the list with +240 odds, followed by Peterson and Dybantsa (+400), Darius Acuff Jr. (+450), who was drafted seventh by the Kings, and Wilson (+950). The rest of the field is 15/1 or longer.

The NBA's July summer league could very easily shift the odds before the season starts, but these opening lines present bettors with an early opportunity to get ahead of the market.

Rookie of the Year has historically been a straightforward award. It mostly comes down to counting stats for the rookies, and circumstance plays a big role in how impactful a player can be on their team.

The talent at the top of this draft is fairly equal across the board. Peterson entered his freshman season as the presumptive No. 1 pick, Dybantsa overtook him by season's end and led Division I in scoring, and Boozer won nearly every college award an individual player can achieve.

Any of those three players could have been the No. 1 pick and no one would have blinked. That doesn't mean they will all end up in situations that make them look like the best rookie in the NBA next season.

The Wizards should do everything possible to accelerate Dybantsa's growth by putting the ball in his hands, but it's unclear if that will be the case looking at their roster. Washington just signed Trae Young to a $212 million deal, and his reputation in Atlanta wasn't exactly collaborative. Maybe he cedes control to the rookie, but if he doesn't, the fit could be awkward.

Peterson is in a similar situation with the Jazz. Keyonte George is a scoring guard running point, and Lauri Markkanen is unquestionably the best player and most efficient scorer on the team. I don't see head coach Will Hardy giving Peterson the keys to the offense.

Boozer and Acuff are walking into strange situations as rookies. The Grizzlies have not resolved their Ja Morant problem, and if he's on the team during training camp, the ensuing circus would make it tough for Boozer to thrive. Acuff is also an outstanding talent, but he needs the ball in his hands, and the Kings are a mess and still have Zach LaVine, DeMar DeRozan and Domantas Sabonis on the roster.

The Bulls have been on the hamster wheel of mediocrity for years and finally decided to pull the plug and tank last season.

They were rewarded with the No. 4 pick and took Wilson, who is one of the most dynamic players in the draft. He has the size to play as a wing or forward in the league and has the mentality of a player who wants to prove he's the best.

In his second game at UNC, Wilson outplayed Peterson head-to-head and told reporters that he had a list on his phone of people he wanted to "kill" on the court.

Unlike the rest of the teams, the Bulls don't have an established best player, and Wilson could step in and be that on Day 1. I expect his odds to shorten once the season starts, and I'm happy to take him at +950 right now.

NEW YORK POST ACTION

Post Time: **1:10 p.m.**
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Belmont at the Big A

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
Leslies Humor (4th)
Lock Record: 10 for 18 (55%)
Meet Record: 61/219 $292.40

1 1 3/16 miles(T); $85,000; mdn; 3up(f)

Final week of racing at Aqueduct. Closing day is Sunday. Going long on the lawn in the opener. **MARY LOIS** finished well to be 2nd and 3rd at Tampa and Keeneland. Longer distance may put her over the top for Chad Brown. **STAND THE RAIN** Dirt to turf, 2nd off the layoff. Length shy lone grass start. Trained by Clement who also enters **CHARTIST**. Enegertic 2nd racing shorter at Delaware. Davis picks up the mount. And Franco rides the debuting **CONSENSUS VIEW**, a Euro-bred Frankel filly. Brown trains for Klaravich.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Miel Et Citron(L),126	O Hrndz Mreno	10-7-x	Seyler	30-1
2	Prime Connection(L),120	J Lezcano	5-9-x	Rice	15-1
3	Stand the Rain(L),126	J Rodriguez	4-5-3	Clement	5-2
4	Consensus View(GB)(M),120	M Franco	x-x-x	C Brown	3-1
5	Chartist(L),120	D Davis	2-4-2	Clement	6-1
6	Mary Lois(IRE)(L),120	F Prat	3-2-x	C Brown	1-1

2 1 mile; $31,000; clm($15,000); 3up(f)

Both **LADY WISDOM** and **BLENHEIM BABY** won 2 races back before falling short next out. Both can rebound sliding lower. Franco was aboard for Lady Wisdom's win. Prat for Blenheim Babys. **DANNEEL** was 3rd, then a wide 6th racing for 20k. Now 2 for 31. Silvera rides the longshot for Pringle. **THATSTHEFACTJACK** picked up her 2nd win from 30 starts here last month. Competitively spotted.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Moonlit Weekend(L),126	R Gutierrez	8-4-5	Pringle	20-1
2	Spirit of Esther(L),126	S Gonzalez	3-4-5	Kantarmaci	6-1
3	Danneel(L),126	R Silvera	6-3-4	Pringle	10-1
4	That'sthefactjack(L),126	J Rodriguez	1-7-4	Schettino	5-1
5	Lady Wisdom(L),126	M Franco	4-1-8	Morey	5-2
6	Blenheim Baby(L),126	F Prat	3-1-4	Abreu	9-5
7	Pocket Queens(L),126	E Zayas	4-9-5	Kantarmaci	9-2

3 1 1/16 miles(T); $48,000; mdn clm($50,000); 3up(f)

Debut day for **NINA LEE** (Dubb/Atras/Rodriguez/Slumber). **BIG JACKIE** MTO. **NO NEED TO PANIC** moves lower for Miceli after turning in a 1/2 dozen short, this distance at 34-1. Gets Castellano back.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Island Charm(L),120	M Franco	2-7-3	Kantarmaci	7-2
2	No Need to Panic(L),120	J Castellano	9-8-4	Miceli	3-1
3	Addagirl Addie(L),126	C Elliott	8-4-10	Davis	12-1
4	Mia Sophia(L),120	R Gutierrez	11-3-7	DeLauro	8-1
5	Nina Lee(M),120	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Atras	4-1
6	Find Your Path(L),120	K Davis	5-7-5	A Dutrow	9-2
7	Amicus Curiae(L),120	R Santana, Jr	10-9-7	Levine	6-1
8	Roseberns Dream(L),120	E Zayas	7-9-4	Schettino	10-1
9	Big Jackie(L),120	E Zayas	4-4-8	Ferraro	8-1
10	Luckbeourlady(M),120	M Franco	x-x-x	Clement	5-2

4 6 fur(T); $92,000; alw; 4up(f)

Seasonal debut for Chad Browns' **LESLIES HUMOR.** She went 2 for 3 last year. Both wins at the Big A, this distance. **BAMS BLISS KISS** has won 6 straight, the latest in the Biogios Rose. Again if we're off turf. **MUNNINGS EXPRESS** Wildcard. Makes grass debut for Rice. She's an impressive 5 for 9 on dirt after winning 3 in a row by open lengths.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Les Reys(FR)(L),123	F Prat	5-13-1	Clement	5-2
2	Pandora's Gift(IRE)(L),121	M Franco	3-9-11	Clement	6-1
3	Leslie's Humor(L),123	D Davis	1-1-8	C Brown	2-1
4	So Sophia(GB)(L),123	D Rivera	5-7-3	Arriaga	20-1
5	Ready to Jam(L),123	J Rodriguez	8-1-2	Cox	7-2
6	Munnings Express(L),123	J Lezcano	1-1-1	Rice	3-1
7	Bam's Bliss Kiss(L),123	J Rodriguez	1-1-1	Abreu	8-5

5 5 1/2 fur; $85,000; mdn; 2YO

Two-year-old colts, many making their career debuts. Here's 3. **ROADHOUSE WARRIOR** (Giddings/Elliott/Warriors Charge), **FLIGHT COMMAND** (Rodriguez/Franco/Flightline) and **DETER** (Mott/Prat/Silver State). Roadhouse Warrior leaves from the rail and offers best value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Roadhouse Warrior,123	C Elliott	x-x-x	Giddings	6-1
2	Flight Command,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Rodriguez	5-2
3	Johnny Hockey,123	D Rivera	6-x-x	Arriaga	12-1
4	Diamond Juan,123	E Zayas	x-x-x	Jimenez	20-1
5	Hurricane Mo,123	R Santana, Jr	3-x-x	Delgado	4-1
6	Vapor Trail,123	R Silvera	x-x-x	Friedman	12-1
7	Bet Bold,123	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Barrera III	10-1
8	Deter,123	F Prat	x-x-x	Mott	7-2
9	Perfect Dream,123	C Sutherland	x-x-x	Delgado	6-1

6 1 mile; $65,000; clm($40,000); 4up

Back to business? **SECURED LANDING** had won 3 in a row, all at a mile, all at Aqueduct, all by 4 lengths. Cut back to a sprint and finished 9th of 11 after racing wide at Saratoga. Rebounds. **NEON BORDEAUX** ran 3rd, then 2nd before shipping from Laurel. 4 for 8 at the Big A. Prat picks him up for Dutrow. **FRIZZANTE** was a troubled 4th behind **DETERMINDLEY** who was 2nd when they met in May. Rider change on Frizzante to Franco.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Determinedly(L),123	S Gonzalez	2-4-5	Kantarmaci	5-1
2	Neon Bordeaux(L),121	F Prat	2-3-4	R Dutrow	7-2
3	Celestial Glaze(L),121	R Santana, Jr	3-4-2	Rodriguez	8-1
4	Secured Landing(L),123	K Carmouche	9-1-1	Rice	3-1
5	Treaty Obligation(L),123	R Silvera	7-3-1	Rodriguez	6-1
6	Three Technique(L),121	E Zayas	4-7-6	Kantarmaci	10-1
7	Frizzante(L),121	M Franco	4-3-2	R Dutrow	9-2
8	Ambition(L),123	J Castellano	5-2-6	Kantarmaci	8-1

7 6 fur; $55,000; alw; 4up(f)

JACKSONS DIXIE did well to be 3rd after getting parked wide racing for 45k. Won easily, wire-to-wire previous start at this distance. Prat puts her on the lead for Dutrow. **DESPOS DREAM** (Rodriguez) and **MURSAL** (Rice) ran home 2-3 racing 7 furlongs. Despos Dream is 2 for 9 at this shorter distance. Mursal is 1 for 4. **PROUD FOOT** scored at 7 panels. She's 2 for 18 racing 6/8th.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mursal(L),123	D Davis	3-1-2	Rice	7-2
2	City Blocks(L),121	R Santana, Jr	2-7-6	Kantarmaci	10-1
3	Edistrudis(L),123	E Zayas	2-1-5	Kantarmaci	5-1
4	Calling an Audible(L),123	R Silvera	2-3-2	Barker	20-1
5	Jackson's Dixie(L),123	F Prat	3-5-1	R Dutrow	4-1
6	Short Shift(L),121	S Gonzalez	5-4-5	Kantarmaci	8-1
7	Despo's Dream(L),123	C Elliott	2-1-4	Rodriguez	3-1
8	Proud Foot(L),123	M Franco	1-2-6	R Dutrow	9-2

8 6 fur(T); $48,000; clm($40,000); 3up(f)

On the turf for the finale. **LUPINE** broke maiden racing 6 panels, then finished up the track, cutting back to 5 1/2 furlongs. Can rebound for Clement moving lower; extending to proven distance. **LESLIES STAR** MTO. **HEADS IN BEDS** graduated at Del Mar (5th attempt) last November. Hasn't raced since. Does Saffie Joseph's filly need a race? Franco will be the first to know.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Artistic Success(L),126	K Carmouche	5-11-2	Sharp	7-2
2	Scorch(L),121	R Silvera	5-1-5	Abreu	6-1
3	Lupine(L),126	J Rodriguez	9-1-2	Clement	5-2
4	Fifi La Fume(L),126	E Zayas	4-7-8	Rodriguez	15-1
5	Rockyta(L),121	F Prat	5-4-3	Sweezey	9-2
6	Midnightloveaffair(L),126	J Castellano	2-7-5	Levine	10-1
7	Heads in Beds(FR)(L),126	M Franco	1-4-3	Joseph	3-1
8	Gresham's Law(L),126	D Rivera	1-11-8	Donk	20-1
9	Leslie's Star(L),126	Rider TBA	5-3-9	Potts	3-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

No play on Father's Day. Moon Gate and Rare Society scratched. Down -$220.14 as we lean into the final week at Aqueduct.

One bet. Play $30 to win on Leslie's Humor in Race 4. — *Vic Cangialosi*

Yonkers entries for Thursday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile trot; $13,100; Naada

1	YucatanPartyMan	(ACffetell)	3-1-5	5-2
2	Jesses Doll	(RFranco)	4-2-5	20-1
3	Cal Mile N Shell	(JCalabrese)	2-2-2	8-5
4	Papa Joe Lozito	(RCiavardini)	7-1-5	15-1
5	BigCharlieMoran	(Sheridan)	7-3-3	20-1
6	Barn Credit	(AAdamczyk)	3-6-3	5-2
7	Bacardi	(JFaraldo)	1-3-3	20-1
8	Big Limo	(AVerruso)	6-1-7	15-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Hp Momentum	(BHolland)	4-6-6	2-1
2	He's Special	(TButer)	6-4-5	6-1
3	DanceOnTheBeach	(YGingrs)	5-5-4	20-1
4	Rodeo Cowboy	(CKelly)	5-7-4	8-1
5	Brookdale Miki	(JStratton)	5-6-2	20-1
6	Fasting	(JBartlett)	8-5-4	3-1
7	GdsThunderGb	(ASiegelman)	4-4-3	5-2
8	Texas Holdem	(SZeron)	7-6-4	20-1

THIRD: Mile trot; $22,000; claiming

1	Hoolie NHector	(Siegelman)	8-5-6	15-1
2	Novel	(JBongiorno)	3-8-7	8-1
3	Bully Boy Hill	(JBartlett)	3-3-5	7-2
4	Willy Walton	(TButer)	5-6-4	9-2
5	Mon Amour	(BHolland)	5-1-2	3-1
6	Kays In Charge	(YGingras)	2-2-4	4-1
7	B Nicking	(JStratton)	2-2-5	6-1
8	Sky Box	(CKelly)	6-3-1	20-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	Itza Dangerzone A	(JMarohn)	1-7-1	5-1
2	Ameritric	(JBartlett)	1-5-3	9-5
3	Orlando Blue A	(ASiegelman)	4-7-1	5-1
4	Kopi Luwak	(BHolland)	6-5-2	3-1
5	Shipmaster	(CKelly)	4-3-7	6-1
6	The Family Man	(JBongiorno)	4-3-2	8-1
7	Marlbank Road	(YGingras)	6-6-9	20-1
8	Casino Action N	(JStratton)	5-4-5	20-1

FIFTH: Mile trot; $28,000; cond

1	P L Oscar	(BHolland)	2-4-1	5-1
2	R Lady W	(SZeron)	5-2-2	5-1
3	Exquisite Taste	(PLachance)	1-4-2	5-1
4	High Speed Swan	(JBartlett)	3-3-1	8-5
5	Mahone Seelster	(CKelly)	5-6-7	12-1
6	Nymeria	(JStratton)	4-6-5	6-1
7	The Brodster	(YGingras)	3-1-3	15-1
8	Street Gossip	(ASiegelman)	2-3-2	20-1

SIXTH: Mile trot; $22,000; claiming

1	Crazyland	(CKelly)	3-8-3	6-1
2	Cactustotheclouds	(Bartlett)	4-5-3	5-1
3	Optrix	(JMarohn)	4-4-5	15-1
4	Theobald	(YGingras)	1-1-2	2-1
5	Wheelzablazin	(JStratton)	7-1-5	15-1
6	WarraweeWhisper	(JBongrn)	1-7-3	5-2
7	Stacking Green	(BHolland)	2-1-7	12-1
8	Jas Bluestone	(SZeron)	3-4-2	12-1

SEVENTH: Mile trot; $43,000; Invitational

1	Blackhawk Zette	(BHolland)	5-2-1	8-1
2	Sir Pinocchio	(JBartlett)	2-2-4	9-5
3	Asteroid	(CKelly)	2-3-1	8-1
4	Green Pastures	(SZeron)	3-1-4	10-1
5	Antognoni S	(YGingras)	1-1-1	4-5

EIGHTH: Mile trot; $28,000; cond

1	Massive Desire	(YGingras)	6-1-1	9-2
2	Vandy Lane	(CKelly)	2-5-2	5-1
3	Sea Can	(TButer)	4-3-2	12-1
4	Full Of Muscles	(JBartlett)	2-5-2	7-2
5	Always A Story	(JStratton)	2-4-1	5-2
6	CantstopYankee	(JBongiorn)	4-4-1	8-1
7	Sunday Shoes	(SZeron)	1-3-1	10-1
8	Mississippi Storm	(BHolland)	6-1-5	20-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	Advance Man	(YGingras)	1-7-3	6-1
2	BlockbusterTrade	(PLchnce)	8-4-5	5-1
3	Artist Best	(SZeron)	3-4-6	9-2
4	Cyrus N	(JMarohn)	3-2-3	5-2
5	Bettorbuckleup	(CKelly)	5-6-2	8-1
6	Captain Dee Tee	(JBartlett)	7-6-3	8-1
7	Rocket Freight	(ASiegelman)	7-1-3	20-1
8	Hurrikanekingjames	(JStrttn)	3-4-2	5-1

TENTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Cannery Row	(JStratton)	7-6-3	20-1
2	Kissin Joe	(BHolland)	5-5-2	7-2
3	Yuengling	(JBartlett)	2-1-4	7-5
4	Badditude	(YGingras)	2-1-8	3-1
5	Sunburnt	(CKelly)	5-4-2	20-1
6	Idealinfun	(ASiegelman)	1-1-6	6-1
7	Sheikh Yabooty N	(JMarohn)	4-X-7	20-1
8	Fortunada	(SZeron)	3-2-6	20-1

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Atlanta	12	5	.706	—
Liberty	12	6	.667	½
Indiana	10	8	.556	2½
Washington	8	8	.500	3½
Toronto	8	9	.471	4
Chicago	5	12	.294	7
Connecticut	3	15	.167	9½

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	14	4	.778	—
Las Vegas	12	5	.706	1½
Dallas	11	6	.647	2½
Golden State	11	7	.611	3
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	5
Portland	8	10	.444	6
Phoenix	6	13	.316	8½
Seattle	3	15	.167	11

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Minnesota 78, Washington 76
Phoenix 111, Indiana 109
Chicago 101, Portland 78
Golden State 77, Atlanta 66

Thursday
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Los Angeles at Toronto, 7pm
Dallas at Las Vegas, 10pm

Friday
Portland at Chicago, 7:30pm
Washington at Connecticut, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Golden State, 10pm

N.Y. Rangers Pre-Season Schedule

Monday, Sept. 21: at Devils, 7pm
Tuesday, Sept. 22: Islanders, 7pm
Thursday, Sept. 24: Devils, 7pm
Friday, Sept. 25: at Islanders, 7pm

N.Y. Islanders Pre-Season Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 20: at Devils, 1pm
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Saturday, Sept. 26: Devils, 7pm

N.J. Devils Pre-Season Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 20: Islanders, 1pm
Monday, Sept. 21: Rangers, 7pm
Thursday, Sept. 24: at Rangers, 7pm
Saturday, Sept. 26: at Islanders, 7pm

Tennis

WTA Bad Homburg Open

At Bad Homburg Tennis Club; Hamburg, Germany; Purse: Euro1,049,083; Surface: Grass; Wednesday (seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles - Round of 16

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, def. Mirra Andreeva (2), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, def. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 7-5, 6-2.
Clara Tauson, Denmark, def. Zheng Qinwen, China, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.
Emma Navarro, United States, def. Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.
Karolina Muchova (4), Czechia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-1, 6-1.

ATP Mallorca Championships

At Santa Ponca; Mallorca, Spain; Purse: Euro612,620; Surface: Grass; (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Round of 16

Vit Kopriva, Czechia, def. Ignacio Buse (5), Peru, 7-5, 6-1.
Ethan Quinn, United States, def. Murphy Cassone, United States, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (2), Spain, def. Adam Walton, Australia, 6-4, 7-5.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Abdullah Shelbayh, Jordan, 6-2, 6-4.

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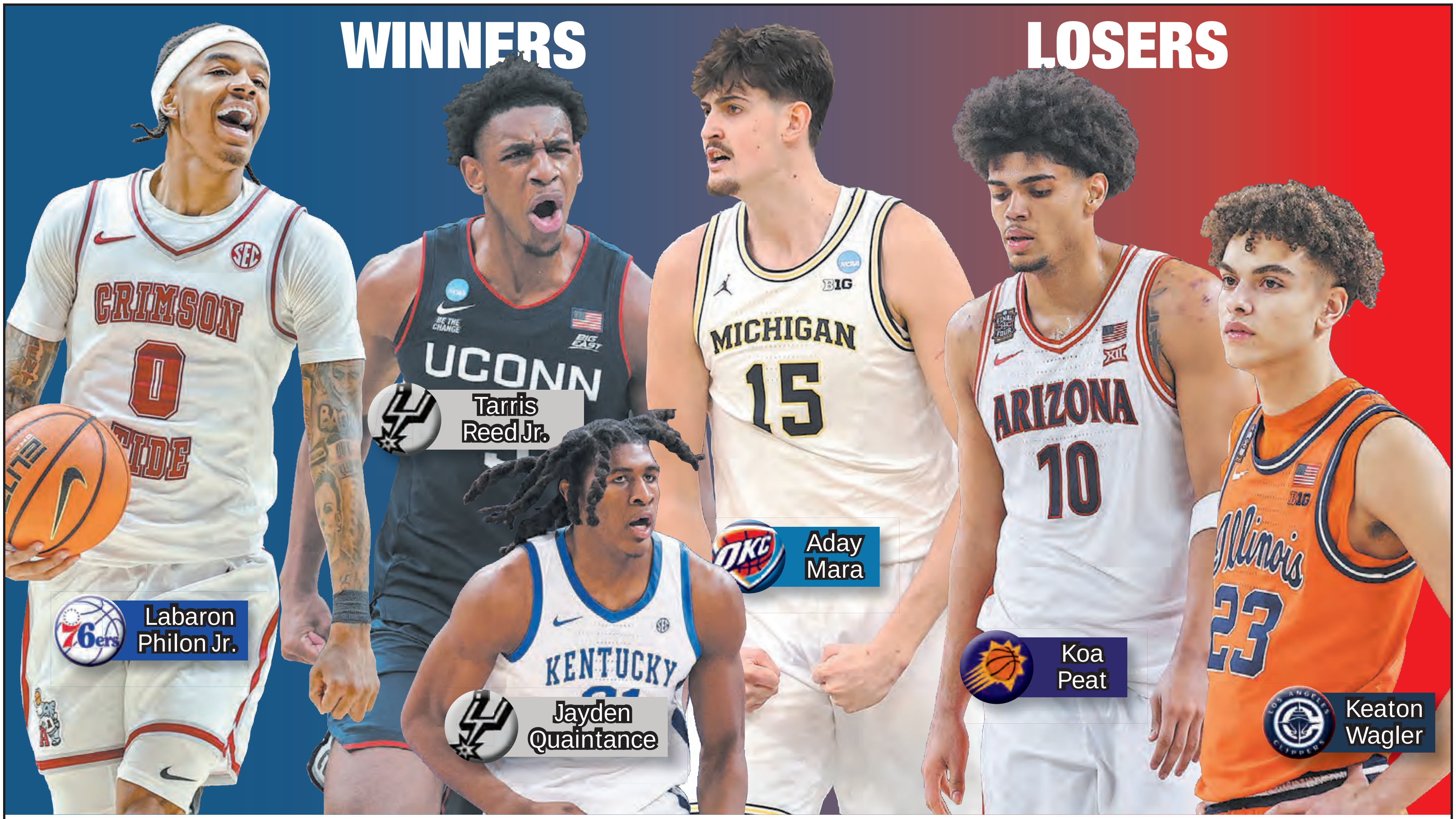

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Early hits and misses from opening round of the NBA draft

Zach Braziller

A LOOK at the winners and losers of the first round of the NBA draft:

WINNERS

76ers: A home run of a pick, landing Alabama guard Labaron Philon Jr. at No. 22. He should've gone in the late teens at worst. He was one of college basketball's top guards last season, averaging 22 points, five assists and shooting 39.9 percent from distance on 6.1 attempts. He's terrific going to the basket, has a sweet jumper and made a major leap from his freshman to sophomore season. Teams were concerned that he would struggle to hold up defensively at only 176 pounds. But with Philadelphia, he's a third guard, behind Tyrese Maxey and VJ Edgecombe. That's a heckuva young trio, all 25 or younger.

Spurs: San Antonio addressed a major weakness that hampered it in the playoffs: big man depth behind Victor Wembanyama. They used the 20th pick on Kentucky center Jayden Quaintance, then traded for a second first-round pick, and used No. 26 on Connecticut's Tarris Reed Jr. Quaintance is a lottery-level talent with injury questions after playing in just four games this past season after ACL surgery. It was a worthwhile gamble. Odds are, he won't play much next year, but could be a major factor in time. Reed is not a prototypical NBA big man, because he doesn't shoot 3s or guard well in space. But he's physical, tough and can be an enforcer type.

Thunder: Did Oklahoma City find an answer for its Wembanyama problem? Aday Mara, the Thunder's pick at No. 12, is at least an option. The 7-foot-3 center is a defensive dynamo who helped lead Michigan to its first national championship in 37 years in April. The more size you can throw at Wemby, the better. At No. 16, the Thunder added Iowa sharpshooting guard Bennett Stirtz. At worst, he's a court-spacer. Don't count him out from being more than that, though.

LOSERS

Clippers: Keaton Wagler over Darius Acuff Jr., Kingston Flemings and Mikel Brown Jr.? The three players the Clippers passed on for him at No. 5 will all be better pros. Wagler isn't a bad prospect — he just isn't as good as the aforementioned players. He doesn't guard like Flemings and doesn't have the offensive ceiling of either Acuff or Brown.

Suns: Phoenix traded into the last pick of the first round for Koa Peat, a one-and-done wing out of Arizona who isn't much of a shooter and doesn't project as a lockdown defender. Bizarre. Peat should've stayed in school, and the Suns could've done much better, whether it was taking Duke wing Isaiah Evans, North Carolina big man Henri Veesaar or Arkansas guard Meleek Thomas.

Knicks fans: Coming off the franchise's first championship in 53 years, they wanted a fun toy to add to the revelry. When it came close to their time to pick, Knicks fans started dreaming of keeping the local star home, and picking Zuby Ejiofor of St. John's. The Hawks beat them to the punch, snagging the Big East Player of the Year with the 23rd pick. Odds are, the Knicks weren't making a pick anyway. They made a number of maneuvers to save money and move out of the first round. Knicks fans did get excited for a moment when they picked Spanish point guard Sergio De Larrea, with the idea of stashing him overseas for a year. But they traded him, too, sending the Spaniard to the Mavericks. It was a buzzkill night, but if it helps the Knicks bring back two of Mitchell Robinson, Landry Shamet and Jordan Clarkson, it will be a win in the end.

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BULLY BALL

'Pancake Pat' eager to flatten defenders for Harbaugh's Giants

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

Willie Taggart, the new Giants running backs coach, was more than willing to discuss the players he worked with this spring. But then, when asked about fullback Patrick Ricard, Taggart smiled and politely declined to provide any detailed analysis.

"He's not in my room," Taggart told The Post.

Of course he's not. That sums up the Patrick Ricard experience as vividly as any collection of words.

Ricard reports to the tight end room, as his job description is far more aligned to that position group than to the size/speed requirements of those who make a living carrying the football. And, for the sake of accuracy, Ricard probably does not truly belong amongst a group of pass-catching tight ends. He could report to a room that says "Blockers Only" on the door and he might be the only one to gain entry. Perhaps Chris Manhertz, a tight end with 30 career receptions in 10 NFL seasons, would be there to greet Ricard.

Manhertz, a blocker first and foremost, is 6-foot-6 and 235 pounds. Ricard is 6-3 and 300 pounds, and the ball is in his hands about as often as a solar eclipse is viewed from the planet Earth.

"We didn't really have that last year, we had a tight end," running back Tyrone Tracy said. "This year with an actual fullback, 300 pounds, like I mean, I'm gonna let him go to work, really.

"I told him, 'You do what you do, I'm gonna make you right. I'm going to do my best to make sure I'm making you look good, because you're 300 pounds. I know a lot of dudes aren't going to want to block you, they aren't going to want to be blocked by you.' I told Pat, 'Me and you are gonna make each other a lot of money.' "

We shall see about that one.

Ricard, 32, arrived to the Giants via a two-year contract worth $7.63 million, making him the highest-paid fullback in the league. It is not exactly a highly valued position around the NFL and most teams do not carry one on the roster.

Ricard's first nine years in the NFL were with John Harbaugh and the Ravens and it was one of the most predictable signings around the league for Ricard to move to the Giants once Harbaugh was hired. It was part of a directive assistant general manager Brandon Brown called "building the bully" when referring to the marching orders Harbaugh passed down to the personnel departments.

"Pit bull mentality, as you will, where they may not all be in the trenches, but they bring something that's different," Brown said.

Ricard brings something different, alright.

In 132 career NFL games, Ricard has only 11 rushing attempts on his resume — one in the last three years. He has 49 career receptions but only four catches in the last two seasons.

"Yeah. I mean, that doesn't bother me at all," Ricard said. "I've been fortunate enough to play with so many great backs and so many great quarterbacks who can run the ball to where as long as I am blocking and we are getting yards and we're getting touchdowns, that's all I care about. That's all that matters."

Indeed. In his two seasons running behind Ricard with the Ravens, Derrick Henry amassed 3,516 yards and 32 rushing touchdowns. Lamar Jackson's rare athletic gifts made him the league's most prolific running quarterback, with 6,522 rushing yards. Every yard was attained as Ricard's teammate. He is called "Pancake Pat" for his ability to flatten defenders.

"It does not bother me if I don't get the ball at all," Ricard said. "Sometimes I'd rather have these other guys get the balls because they're just, to be honest, they're better. They're more explosive. They can run a lot faster than me, you know, I'm 300 pounds. So, I'd rather have the ball in their hands and me blocking for them.

"But, yeah, sometimes it's nice to get the ball and make a play for the team. But I'm OK with either option."

Isaiah Likely shared the tight end room in Baltimore with Ricard and also came along with Harbaugh to the Giants. Likely calls Ricard "a great Swiss Army knife."

Ricard was a defensive lineman at the University of Maine when the Ravens in 2017 signed him as an undrafted free agent. They moved him to fullback and he has been there ever since, bringing a defender's attack mindset to his job.

He is reunited not only with Harbaugh but also with Greg Roman, the new Giants senior offensive assistant. Roman was the tight ends coach and later the offensive coordinator in Baltimore from 2017-22 and is expected to orchestrate much of the Giants' running game. That means he will unleash Ricard to serve up pancakes for a 10th NFL season.

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MAUL FOR ONE! Patrick Ricard spent his first nine seasons earning the moniker "Pancake Pat" with John Harbaugh's Ravens (above) but is eager to bring his pit bull mentality to the Giants backfield this season.

New York Giants; Imagn Images

Ailing Sabally listed as questionable versus Storm

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS — Satou Sabally is listed as questionable for Thursday's game in Seattle due to a head injury.

The news comes a day after she exited early in Tuesday's win against the Aces with what the team called as a "face" injury.

Sabally departed with 6:17 left in the second quarter. She didn't rejoin the team on the floor after halftime and was ruled out by the end of the third quarter.

It's not immediately clear when Sabally suffered the facial injury. She appeared to get hit in the head by NaLyssa Smith near the 5:31 mark of the first quarter. After the contact — Sabally was called for the foul — the Liberty forward sat on the floor for a moment, taking off her glasses and rubbing her eyes. Sabally checked out shortly thereafter.

She reentered the game to start the second quarter before checking out for the final time.

After the 87-76 win, coach Chris DeMarco said Sabally will "be all right." He said she wasn't being evaluated for a concussion.

The injury is obviously extra concerning given her concussion history. Sabally was helped off the floor in Game 3 of the 2026 WNBA Finals and later ruled out with a concussion. Lingering concussion symptoms impacted her offseason. She didn't play at Unrivaled and didn't return to basketball activities until March.

Sabally was the biggest outside free agent the Liberty signed this offseason. She missed the first few games of the season with a cyst and was also temporarily sidelined because of an undisclosed illness.

Sabally returned to the starting lineup Sunday after coming off the bench for eight games. She's averaging 10.4 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists while shooting 45.9 percent from the field and 38.5 percent deep in 13 games.

The Liberty snapped a two-game losing skid with Tuesday's win, which was arguably their best of the season. They are 12-6, which is good for fourth in the WNBA standings, heading into Thursday's game against the 3-15 Seattle Storm, coached by former Liberty assistant Sonia Raman.

The Storm haven't won a game in a month, losing 11 consecutive contests.

Bouncing back

After missing '25 season, Libs' Laney-Hamilton trying to find her groove in prove-it year

Betnijah Laney-Hamilton

Getty Images

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS — Betnijah Laney-Hamilton's journey to reclaim her game this season hasn't been easy, and she knows what's at stake.

In April, Laney-Hamilton signed a one-year, $400,000 deal to return to the Liberty after missing all of last year rehabbing from knee surgery.

It's a prove-it year. She's playing for her next contract, which could mean a major payday this offseason if all goes according to plan.

Laney-Hamilton's role this season, though, has fluctuated. Trying to rediscover her groove after more than a year off has been frustrating at times.

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Asked if she's happy in New York, Laney-Hamilton said, "I'm figuring everything out."

When it comes to her role, she said, "I'm just working every day."

Laney-Hamilton is trying to take it day by day, but staying present and positive can be a challenge for even the most zen person when tackling the physical and mental hurdles of returning after a lengthy absence.

The 6-foot guard/forward started in the Liberty's first three games of the season before temporarily stepping away for personal reasons. Upon her return, she was moved to the bench.

Laney-Hamilton had an injection in her surgically repaired knee last week and missed the three subsequent games. She was available for Sunday's loss in Los Angeles but never saw the floor. Chris DeMarco said that was the plan all along.

Asked what the point was for her to suit up if she wasn't going to play, DeMarco said, "to be part of the team."

Laney-Hamilton confirmed she knew she wasn't going to play Sunday. As for the reintegration process, though, Laney-Hamilton said, "That's not up to me."

She said her relationship and conversations with DeMarco are improving, and they're talking more.

DeMarco said he and Laney-Hamilton are "on the same page with" what the team expects of her.

"Again, we're just excited to go from here," DeMarco said before Tuesday's 87-76 win.

The Liberty have gone 11-1 when Laney-Hamilton plays. Her 17.5 net rating is the best on the team.

But she's logging 17.8 minutes per game, her fewest since joining New York in 2021. She's moving better than at the start of the season but is still searching for her flow within the offense.

When Laney-Hamilton enters a game, though, Breanna Stewart can feel the shift.

Laney-Hamilton brings defensive intensity that can't be taught. She plays fearlessly. Her block on four-time league MVP A'ja Wilson in Tuesday's win was a clear indication of that. No opponent is too big for her.

"B's a pro's pro," Stewart said. "You can tell the comfort level for us to have another defensive stopper on the court."

Laney-Hamilton's importance to the Liberty can't be understated. She joined New York in 2021 and has become a fan favorite.

She and Sabrina Ionescu were together when New York won only 12 games.

Over the years, she's become one of the lead voices in the huddle after practices and shootarounds. She's the glue player who had some big moments in New York's 2024 title run. Her presence was missed last year as the Liberty navigated a tumultuous season.

Laney-Hamilton has dealt with various injuries throughout her career, so the challenge to get back is something she's become accustomed to. And yet, that doesn't make this situation any easier.

Stewart has been impressed with Laney-Hamilton, who had a solid first game back Tuesday.

"She's letting the game come to her," Stewart said. "So she's a huge part of our team and I'm happy that she's back. And we'll just make sure everybody gets integrated more and more."

Laney-Hamilton knows she has a lot riding on this season.

"I wouldn't say I feel pressure, obviously, every day that we go out there is me trying to make a statement," she said, "and just show what I'm capable of, but I wouldn't say it's necessarily pressure."

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Coach blasts Turkish fans, media critics

By ETHAN SEARS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — One day before his team's World Cup match against the U.S., which is a formality for both teams, Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella delivered an extraordinary speech to begin his news conference, saying players had been treated unfairly by parts of the Turkish media and defending their performance through two losses at the World Cup that resulted in an early elimination.

USMNT NOTES

"They are our boys, they are our players, they are the future of football and I've seen personal attacks I could not accept because this is something you're doing against your own son," Montella said in his native Italian through an interpreter. "I cannot accept it. From my side they will have unconditional support because they deserve this support and I will be supporting them all the time."

Montella went on to list a series of stats from Turkey's first two games to demonstrate the chances they had despite being shut out twice, saying at one point, "We cannot destroy everyone."

The incredible rant, which ran over 10 minutes, was prompted in part by Turkish fans who confronted Montella, Turkish federation president Ibrahim Haciosmanoglu and players including captain Hakan Çalhanoglu outside their hotel in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

"I don't want my boys [the team] to be influenced by what people are saying, but I've seen their faces," Montella said. "It's like if they were my children."

➤ USMNT coach **Mauricio Pochettino** said "it's not necessary to take a risk" and have players on a yellow card play Thursday, meaning none of **Folarin Balogun**, **Antonee Robinson**, **Chris Richards** or **Tyler Adams** are expected to feature against Turkey.

Cristian Roldan, who's missed training this week with a quad injury, is "evolving really well," per Pochettino, and will be assessed Thursday.

As for **Christian Pulisic**, who declared himself available Wednesday morning, it sounds like Pochettino wants him to play 45 minutes.

"We need to decide if it's possible to [start] again or be on the bench and have the possibility to play in the second half," Pochettino said. "That is the situation."

BOS' BATTLE UP NEXT?

USMNT finally has next challenge in sight, as No. 62 Bosnia likeliest knockout foe

By MICHAEL DUARTE

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The United States might finally know its opponent for the round of 32.

After spending the better part of the week wondering which path the World Cup bracket would reveal, the Americans now have a clear picture of who almost certainly awaits them in the first knockout round.

Thanks to Bosnia-Herzegovina's 3-1 victory over Qatar and Switzerland's 2-1 win over Canada on Wednesday, Group B is officially settled. Bosnia finished third, making it the overwhelming favorite to meet the U.S. on July 1 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

The numbers leave little room for suspense. FIFA's tournament projections, based on nearly 500 bracket permutations generated before the World Cup began, now place the likelihood of that matchup at greater than 99 percent.

On paper, it is exactly the draw Mauricio Pochettino and the United States hoped for.

READY TO GO: Mauricio Pochettino (inset) could get his wish of a low-ranked opponent, as Bosnia-Herzegovina seems to be the U.S.'s most likely opponent.

Getty Images (2); AP

The Americans, No. 14 in the latest FIFA World Rankings, secured first place in Group D with commanding victories over Paraguay and Australia, guaranteeing themselves a meeting with the third-place finisher from Groups B, E, F, I or J. Instead of drawing one of the tournament's traditional heavyweights, they appear headed for No. 62 Bosnia.

That ranking, however, tells only part of the story.

If anyone inside the U.S. locker room is already thinking about the round of 16, they're making a dangerous mistake.

Bosnia has quietly built one of the more impressive résumés of any underdog in this tournament. The Dragons opened the World Cup

Super sub Undav unlikely

By HOWIE KUSSOY

The world's biggest stars are delivering on the world's biggest stage.

Lionel Messi leads all players at the World Cup with five goals through Argentina's first two games while setting the record for the most goals in World Cup history. France's Kylian Mbappé and Norway's Erling Haaland will meet Friday after each opened the tournament with back-to-back multigoal games. Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in Portugal's win over Uzbekistan on Tuesday, becoming the first player to score at six World Cups.

And then there is Germany's Deniz Undav, the super sub who has emerged as an unlikely Golden Boot contender in his World Cup debut.

Undav was first added to the German national team two years ago, when he was limited to a single, six-minute appearance at Euro 2024. Now, the 29-year-old son of Kurdish parents from Turkey is the pride of Deutschland, producing three goals and two assists — the most goal involvements by a substitute since 1990 — in just 67 total minutes played, helping Germany clinch the top spot in Group E and advance to the knockout stage for the first time since its 2014 triumph in Brazil.

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Group E

"Deniz has an incredible striker's instinct," Germany's manager Julian Nagelsmann said. "As soon as space opens up, he's incredibly clever in the way he moves … Deniz doesn't need to be prepared. He can jump in right away."

He has always made the most of his opportunities.

He spent five years at Werder Bremen's youth academy before he said the club released him because he was undersized. At 17, Undav played in the fourth tier of German football, supplementing his meager salary by waking at 4 a.m. and working eight-hour shifts in a factory, operating laser-cutting machines.

by earning a 1-1 draw against host nation Canada, refusing to wilt under the pressure of a partisan crowd. Their qualification campaign was even more impressive.

They defeated Romania. They earned a draw against Austria. Then they eliminated both Wales and Italy in penalty shootouts to punch their ticket to the World Cup. Italy entered qualifying ranked 15th in the world, Austria 23rd, Wales 38th and Romania 52nd. Results against those teams prove that Bosnia is a battle-tested squad that is comfortable punching above its weight and ready to shock the world.

However, the U.S. has the momentum of an entire country behind it, and has spent the past two years trying to establish itself as a team that can compete with the elite countries in the world.

Pochettino has repeatedly challenged his players to see themselves as legitimate contenders to lift the World Cup trophy, not just participants, sharing his mantra, "Why not us?," that has become a rallying cry for this promising young American team.

Now comes the first knockout match of this new era, and with it the pressure that defines every World Cup.

The bracket has opened up. The opportunity is real. From a talent standpoint, this is a matchup the United States should win.

The operative word, of course, is *should.*

Because this is soccer. Anything can happen.

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star of World Cup

His potential surfaced in Belgium's second division in 2020, leading him to play one season in the English Premier League at Brighton & Hove Albion, before he found a home at VfB Stuttgart, where he most recently finished second in scoring in the Bundesliga, behind England's Harry Kane.

In his first World Cup game, Undav became the second-ever German player to assist on two goals in a World Cup match as a substitute while also scoring in a 7-1 win over Curacao. Then, with Germany trailing 1-0 in the second half against Ivory Coast, Undav entered in the 60th minute and leveled the score eight minutes later on a brilliant volley in stride. His game-winning, group-winning goal came in stoppage time, as Undav became the first German in 24 years to score in his first two World Cup appearances.

"I'm over the moon," Undav said after the 2-1 win. "I had to laugh again. Even in Toronto, people are chanting my name ... I'm enjoying it. I'm taking it all in."

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OUT OF NOWHERE: Despite being largely a substitute, Germany's Deniz Undav is in contention for the Golden Boot. Getty Images

So. Africa makes 1st knockout rd.

Associated Press

In Guadalupe, Mexico, South Africa advanced to the knockout phase of the World Cup for the first time with a 1-0 victory over South Korea.

Thapelo Maseko scored in the 63rd minute off a precise cross from Tshepang Moremi and South Africa finished in second place in Group A behind Mexico, which won all three of its group-stage games.

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

South Africa will take on Canada, the second-place finisher in Group B, in a knockout game Sunday at Inglewood, Calif..

Bafana Bafana had failed to advance from the group stage in 1998, 2002 and as host in 2010.

Mexico 3, Czech Rep. 0

In Mexico City, Mateo Chávez and Julián Quiñones scored goals in a six-minute span early in the second half, and Mexico beat the Czech Republic 3-0 to win all three of its World Cup group-stage matches for the first time.

The 22-year-old Chávez, in his first World Cup, opened the scoring in the 55th minute and Quiñones scored his second goal of the tournament in the 61st. Alvaro Fidalgo added a goal in second-half stoppage time.

Mexico's previous best group-stage performance was two wins and one draw, done in 1986 and 2002 and both featuring Javier Aguirre, the first as a midfielder and the second as El Tri's coach.

Switzerland 2, Canada 1

In Vancouver, B.C., Switzerland put a damper on Canada's World Cup party in Vancouver.

The Swiss got goals from Rubén Vargas and Johan Manzambi to beat Canada 2-1 on Wednesday and win Group B. Now Switzerland will get a week of rest before returning to the same city to face one of the eight best third-place finishers on July 2.

Canada dropped to second place in the group and will play in the knockout round for the first time in team history. But the Canadians had been hoping for a win or a draw so they would play their round of 32 match on home soil.

Morocco 4, Haiti 2

In Atlanta Soufiane Rahimi and Gessime Yassine came off the bench to help Morocco rally for a 4-2 victory over Haiti and erase the Caribbean nation's hopes of a first ever point at the World Cup.

Morocco, which became the first African team to reach the World Cup semifinals four years ago in Qatar, twice came from behind against a team playing on soccer's biggest stage for the first time in 52 years.

Rahimi's deflected shot in the 78th minute put Morocco ahead 3-2 and Yassine killed off any chance of an upset with a goal in the 89th.

Morocco advanced to the round of 32 in second place behind Brazil in Group C and will next play the runner up in Group F — Netherlands, Japan or Sweden — in Guadalajara. The five-time champion Brazilians beat Scotland 3-0 in the other group match.

Brazil 3, Scotland 0

In Miami Gardens, Fla., Vinícius Júnior scored two goals, Matheus Cunha also scored and five-time World Cup champion Brazil beat Scotland 3-0, advancing to the knockout stage as the Group C winner.

Vinícius — who has a goal in all three of Brazil's group matches — scored in the seventh minute and again just before halftime, tying Norway's Erling Haaland and Kylian Mbappé with of France with four goals, one behind Lionel Messi.

Brazil reached the knockout rounds for the 15th consecutive World Cup. Morocco finished second in the group and also advanced, rallying to beat Haiti 4-2.

READY TO ROLL*

*Pulisic says he can play vs. Turkey, but unclear how much time he'll get

By ETHAN SEARS

IRVINE, Calif. — Christian Pulisic is ready to return for the U.S. men's national team.

"I'm feeling good," Pulisic said Wednesday, one day before the final group-stage match of the World Cup against Turkey. "And yeah, I'm hoping to play a part tomorrow. For sure."

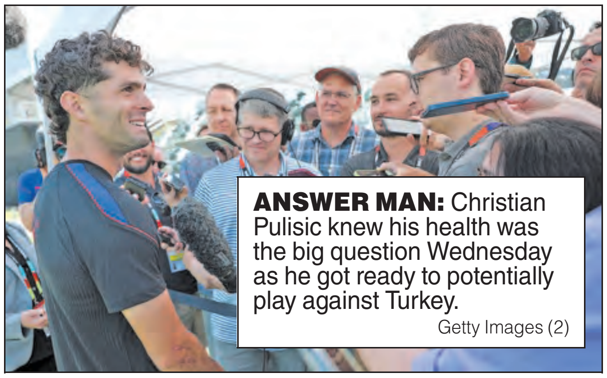
How much Pulisic — who missed last week's win over Australia with a left calf injury — will participate in terms of minutes was left unclear. Having already clinched the top spot of the group thanks to FIFA's changes in tie-breaker rules, and with Turkey already eliminated for the same reason, the match amounts to a glorified scrimmage.

Pulisic said he'll discuss his minutes with the coaching and medical staff, but "obviously not a good chance I'll probably go and play 90."

Under the circumstances, that would count as prudent.

"Christian Pulisic is talking with the medical area," manager Mauricio Pochettino said. "He's available. We need to decide if it's possible to play again or be on the bench and have the possibility to play in the second half. That is the situation."

The superstar forward said he "never feared" his injury was anything particularly concerning. Pulisic came off at halftime in the USMNT's opener against Paraguay, saying afterward that he was kicked in the same spot on his calf where he'd already picked up a knock in training a few days prior. Despite Pulisic, Pochettino and various players having expressed confidence Pulisic would be back shortly, he didn't return to full training before the Australia game and didn't play.


ANSWER MAN: Christian Pulisic knew his health was the big question Wednesday as he got ready to potentially play against Turkey.
Getty Images (2)

"I was pushing and I was really close to trying to be available for the last game for sure," Pulisic said. "Obviously, I did feel a little something, but I was able to push through in the first half with adrenaline and just get me through. It wasn't quite ready. It wasn't anything where I feared anything worse than what it was."

It seems to be a safe assumption that the goal for the USMNT would be to have Pulisic ready to play 90 minutes — or potentially 120 — by next Wednesday for its round of 32 game, likely against Bosnia-Herzegovina. Pulisic, though, rarely played all 90 minutes at Milan during the back half of the season, so even without the injury factor, it's not clear how realistic that would be.

His absence ultimately didn't doom the USMNT against Australia as it won 2-0 and rarely looked troubled.

"It's not surprising to me," Pulisic said. "I see what this team can do. We have depth, we have really strong players in a lot of positions. I don't need to do everything. It's such a strong team."

That may not have been true a few years ago. It's self-evident now.

Still, it's unlikely Pulisic will sit again unless circumstances make it impossible for him to play.

"It was obviously a different set of emotions for sure, not being able to play," Pulisic said. "I enjoyed being on the sideline, being around the team, I wanted to be there. Still living that World Cup game. I couldn't be happier and prouder of how the guys handled that whole situation. I had faith in them. I knew they would."

Going two weeks without any game action, he added, would not affect him, pushing back on the notion that he had been off.

"Two weeks off sounds crazy. I haven't been off," Pulisic said. "I've been working every single day, a lot. No, I don't think that's enough time to lose sharpness. I've been touching the ball every single day and whatnot. I'm working a lot. So get a couple training sessions in, I'd say I feel ready."

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Pochettino must get him in game before knockout stage

Mark Cannizzaro

IRVINE, Calif. — Number 10 is back and ready to play.

Here's hoping he does.

The final training session before the final World Cup Group D match for the U.S. was several minutes from starting Wednesday when Christian Pulisic was made available to reporters off to the side of the practice pitch.

"I think I already know what the first question is going to be," Pulisic joked. "I feel good. I joined the team [practicing] the last couple days, and yeah, I'm hoping to play a part in tomorrow for sure."

Those were the magic words all USMNT fans and followers wanted to hear from their star striker who injured his left calf in the opening match against Paraguay and missed the second game, against Australia.

Hopefully, manager Mauricio Pochettino does the right thing and plays Pulisic — at least for 20-30 minutes against Turkey on Thursday night at SoFi Stadium — so he can get his legs back under him in game conditions for the first time since the injury occurred June 12.

If Pochettino keeps his star striker in Bubble Wrap and does not play him Thursday, it would be a mistake and it would be sending the wrong message to the rest of his team.

Because, to a man Wednesday, the U.S. players talked about the desire to keep the mojo from the first two World Cup matches — a 4-1 win over Paraguay and a 2-0 result against Australia — going as they power on to the first knockout round.

"We've got a team full of guys who have a winner's mentality," defender Mark McKenzie said. "Nobody steps into a tournament wanting to lose any game. We've had two strong collective performances in the first two games, and to end the group stage on our note, in our way, I think that's probably our biggest message.

"It's the same as we've been approaching every game, because the group stage is not done yet," McKenzie added when asked about the approach for a match with no consequence in the group standings. "We want to end it the right way — the way we came into it — and continue to build off the momentum we've had."

As fellow defender Chris Richards said, "It's still the World Cup. People are talking about us making history. Whatever the case may be ... we want to win all three games in our group and go into the next round with nine points.

"If you're not excited for this, I don't know when you will be excited."

If Pulisic is fit enough to play and Pochettino is serious about defeating Turkey to become the first U.S. side to go 3-0 in World Cup group play, then he starts Pulisic.

The belief is that he will, because Pochettino is an aggressive soul who doesn't leave the bat on his shoulder in the batter's box.

He's not one to coach scared. So, he'll surely adhere to the Herman Edwards mantra and *play to win the game*.

When asked what his availability will be in terms of minutes, Pulisic deferred.

"I'll discuss that with my coaches and the medical staff," he said. "Obviously, it's not a good chance I'll play 90 [minutes] right away ... after coming back and missing a game, but we'll see."

Sitting out the Australia match was an odd feeling for Pulisic, but the team's performance without him reinforced how good he believes this team is.

"It was obviously a different set of emotions for sure, not being able to play," he said. "But I enjoyed just being on the sideline, being around the team. I wanted to be there. I obviously just couldn't be happier and prouder of how the guys handled that whole situation.

"I had faith in them. I knew they would [win]. It's a really cool team to be a part of, and I just enjoyed the experience."

Pulisic said the team's performance against Australia was "not surprising" to him.

"I see what this team can do," he said. "We have depth, we have really strong players in a lot of positions. I don't need to do everything. It's such a strong team. These guys all have each other's backs. That's what's so fun about it. Just to see the team performance we put in, especially how we've started games. ... It's been fun to watch."

After he looked so fit, fast and effective in the first half of that first match, it'll be fun to watch Pulisic back on the pitch in a real game again.

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NYCFC eyes star striker

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

New York City FC is looking to make a splash following the World Cup.

The MLS team is interested in bringing American soccer star Christian Pulisic to the Big Apple, The Post confirmed Wednesday.

The move would bring one of the sport's most high-profile American stars to NYCFC since the club had the trio of Frank Lampard, David Villa and Andrea Pirlo.

Italian outlet La Gazzetta dello Sport reported that the club was prepared to offer Pulisic a $10 million contract to bring him to New York.

But as of now, AC Milan, Pulisic's current club team, is not interested in shopping the 27-year-old striker, though should that stance change, there would be other MLS suitors in the mix, according to The Athletic.

Pulisic is in the middle of starring for the United States at the World Cup, where he made his presence felt during the USMNT's opener against Paraguay. He did leave the match after the first half with a left calf injury, which kept him out of the Americans' 2-0 win over Australia.

He told reporters Wednesday that he's ready to return for the final group-stage match against Turkey on Thursday.

NYCFC, along with the rest of MLS, is on hiatus while the World Cup is taking place but finds itself in an interesting spot.

The club is on the playoff bubble and is preparing to move into a brand-new stadium in Queens, next door to Citi Field, in 2027.

Pulisic would be a big boost for the club's profile ahead of the move.

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MATCHUPS

By ETHAN SEARS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — That rarest of things will play out here Thursday: a World Cup match that carries no meaning other than pride.

With the USMNT having already clinched its spot at the top of Group D and a knockout stage pathway that keeps the Americans on the West Coast through the quarterfinals, and with Turkey having been eliminated after two losses that had 86 million collective heads in hands, Thursday's match has an oddly perfunctory feel to it.

Granted, that does help the country's collective stress level.

The Post breaks down the matchup between the USMNT and Turkey.

WHEN THE U.S. HAS THE BALL

You ve seen what Mauricio Pochettino s side wants to do throughout its first two games: Play with the ball, be fluid, be aggressive and use the prodigious attacking talent on the USMNT s roster.

Turkey, a more offensive team than Paraguay or Australia, will be less willing to play into that. The Turks have played a 4 2 3 1 in both of their first two games, and though they ve astonishingly failed to score despite 62 total shots, they ve rarely ever had extended time without the ball.

Australia and Paraguay did, however, both have lots of success counterattacking against the Turks, who looked disorganized after losing the ball in both games.

The main things to watch here, in no particular order, are how Christian Pulisic looks, whether the U.S. can play its preferred style against a more offensive opponent and if any players who get rotated in Chris Richards, Tyler Adams, Folarin Balogun and Antonee Robinson are on yellows and none are expected to play make a case to do so in the round of 32.

Arda Güler

Getty Images

WHEN TURKEY HAS THE BALL

Perhaps more than any other team in the World Cup, Turkey has been less than the sum of its parts.

This team is quite talented. Arda G ler is one of the best young midfielders in the world. Hakan alhanoglu and Kenan Yıldız are stars at Inter Milan and Juventus, respectively. In a format where three teams can advance from the group, it s inexcusable that Turkey has failed to do so.

What s been so astonishing is the total lack of creativity in attack. Against a 10 man Paraguay for most of the night in their last game, the Turks looked out of ideas. They ran up the shot count, but so many were from long range and had little chance of even reaching the keeper.

Maybe having already been eliminated will let them play more freely. In any case, the USMNT still has to account for those attacking threats. With Richards and Adams, perhaps the Americans two most important defensive players, both on yellow cards and thus unlikely to play, it ll be interesting to see how the back line holds up.

INTANGIBLES

Exactly how this game will be affected by the fact that it doesn t matter is the main question here. The Americans have a chance to keep momentum going, and the expected squad rotations mean that players who haven t gotten much time on the field will have a chance to make an impression. That ll matter, as will the culture Pochettino has instilled in which every game matters.

As for Turkey, there s already been a huge public outcry in the country over the team s failure to qualify. That s not going to change. Nor will the calls for coach Vincenzo Montella s job. Still, they ll want to leave with something positive.

PREDICTION

The momentum keeps rolling, and so does Turkey s World Cup long failure to score.

USA 3, Turkey 0

A VIKING FUNERAL

Norway soccer fans watch spiraling Mets — who commit 6 errors in nightcap — get torched in DH

By MOLLIE WALKER

The Mets fumbled and stumbled and bumbled their way through 18 innings of baseball Wednesday.

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CUBS	**10**	**Game 2**
METS	**5**	

Not only did they give up 10 runs in each of the two games of their doubleheader against the Cubs at Citi Field, but the Mets put forth their shoddiest defensive game in over a decade in the second contest to extend their losing streak to five games and fall nine games behind in the NL wild-card race before June is even over.

Francisco Lindor's long-awaited return to the lineup for the second of the two contests faded to the background as he and his fellow infielders each committed at least one error on the way to a staggering six on the night.

The not-so-Amazin's haven't had that many errors in a game since 2014.

The night crowd let the team know exactly what they thought of its performance in the 10-5 loss, chanting "Pete Alonso!" and calling for Mets manager Carlos Mendoza's job.

"Embarrassing," said Mendoza, who didn't know what to attribute his team's flailing in the field to. "Overall, you know, the whole day. Two losses, but just the way we played overall. That last game, unacceptable. Obviously, everybody's pissed. Everybody's frustrated. As simple as that."

The rowdiest fans in attendance for the day game — a horde of Norwegians in town for the World Cup — looked blissfully unaware of the team's current state while cheering inside a nearly empty ballpark. Taking over the section just below the jumbotron, a sea of red soccer jerseys vibrantly showed their baseball support with coordinated chants and dances between the stands.

But even they quieted by the time the Cubs doubled the Mets' score in what was ultimately a 10-3 loss in Game 1.

Since this latest losing streak began, the Mets have been outscored by an egregious 50-19 margin.

"It's not good," Sean Manaea said of the Mets' psyche after giving up six hits, three earned runs and two walks through three innings in his nightcap start. "We are playing not up to our capabilities. I don't think anybody in here in this room would say otherwise. We know we're better than this and just, right now, we're playing really, really bad baseball."

While Lindor (0-for-5) still needs to shake off the rust, there is currently uncertainty surrounding Juan Soto, who was held out of both games on Wednesday with tightness in the left side of his back.

Mendoza wouldn't rule out a stint on the injured list for Soto, who was receiving treatment and still being evaluated.

Lindor and Soto have only appeared in nine games together this season so far.

"It is what it is, right?" Mendoza said of potentially losing Soto as Lindor returns. "Hopefully, we get those two in the lineup for a long time here for the rest of the season and we can make a run at it."

The Mets blew a multi-run lead in each game on Wednesday, allowing the Cubs to get right back in it due to futility on the mound or poor defense.

Of the two games, the Mets kept the second one much closer until the final couple of innings.

While Mark Vientos' 10th homer of the season evened the score at 4-4 in the fourth inning, Brooks Raley gave up a double and a triple off the wall as soon as he took the mound in the sixth. It allowed Chicago to take a one-run lead as Raley finished with two hits, two runs and one walk.

Bo Bichette pulled the Mets within one on a solo home run in the sixth, but the first of two fielding errors from Vientos allowed the Cubs to push their lead to two in the eighth inning.

Pete Crow-Armstrong reached second base after Vientos inadvertently tossed the ball over reliever A.J. Minter's head as he ran to make the out at first. In the ninth, Devin Williams retired the first two batters before a Hoerner blast to the warning track clipped the glove of Carson Benge for a double.

That ignited a killer ninth inning for the Cubs, who put up three more runs for good measure.

"The season is definitely testing our mental fortitude, for sure," day starter Nolan McLean said. "Each day, we're all having conversations with each other figuring out how we can get better. Trying to see what each other's doing that we might not be noticing with ourselves, just getting a different perspective on things."

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OH, SNAP! A frustrated Francisco Alvarez breaks his bat after striking out swinging to end the eighth inning of Wednesday's nightcap at Citi Field. Marcus Semien (inset) had two of the Mets' six errors as fans of Norway's World Cup team took in the action.

Robert Sabo (2); Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

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DAVID PETERSON

Struggling Peterson shipped to Cubbies

By MOLLIE WALKER

After the Mets royally failed to take care of business on the field in a doubleheader against the Cubs on Wednesday, they decided to do some business off it.

The Mets traded pitcher David Peterson to Chicago in exchange for the Cubs' No. 13 ranked prospect Cole Mathis, The Post's John Heyman reported after a disastrous night for the Amazin's at Citi Field.

The trade came in just hours after the Cubs swept the Mets by a combined score of 20-8 in a doubleheader.

Peterson could be just the first of many players on their way out of Flushing as the Mets season continues to spiral out of control. According to Heyman, Freddy Peralta, who has not pitched to expectations this season, could be another top trade piece for the Mets to deal before the trade deadline.

No longer the longest-tenured Met, Peterson lost his spot in the starting rotation this season after going 3-6 with a 6.09 ERA across 16 games (eight starts). The 6-foot-6 hurler had allowed 13 runs through $10\ ^{2}/_{3}$ innings pitched over his past three appearances.

The Mets get a 22-year-old prospect out of the deal. Mathis, who the Cubs selected in the second round of the 2024 MLB Draft, is a third baseman. Between his time in Low-A and High-A this season, Mathis has 10 home runs and 39 RBIs to go along with his .272 batting average and .981 OPS.

ON DECK: vs. Cubs

Thursday, 7:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Freddy Peralta

2026 stats:
5-6, 4.83 ERA

Career vs. CHC:
9-4, 3.30 ERA

Last start:
Sat., @ PHI;
2.2 IP, 10 H, 10 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

53%	23%	14%
4-Seamer	Changeup	Curveball

LHP Matthew Boyd

2026 stats:
2-1, 6.00 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
2-0, 3.86 ERA

Last start:
May 3, vs. ARI;
6.0 IP, 4 H, 2 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

51%	29%	12%
4-Seamer	Changeup	Slider

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: vs. Phillies, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
LHP David Peterson vs. RHP Zack Wheeler

SATURDAY: vs. Phillies, 4:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Christian Scott vs. RHP Alan Rangel

INJURY REPORT

- **Francisco Lindor** returned from his rehab assignment, was reinstated from the 10-day injured list and was in the lineup Wednesday night against the Cubs.
- **Ronny Mauricio** was reinstated from the 10-day injured list and optioned to Triple-A Syracuse as he continues to recover from a fractured left thumb.
- **Juan Soto**, who was held out of both games Wednesday, is considered day to day with a back issue.

World Cup fans live it up in Citi

By COLLIN WARD

Vikings are fans of the Mets, apparently.

During the opener of Wednesday's Mets-Cubs doubleheader, Norwegian fans took over a section of Citi Field to cheer on the Mets.

Norwegian fans said the meeting was organized on Facebook, and the Mets gave them tickets in the same section.

The Norwegian fans are in the area because their team beat Senegal 3-2 on Monday night in a World Cup game at MetLife Stadium.

"It's a new experience, a unique experience, because we don't have it in Norway, but so far, so good," Kawar, one of the Norwegians in attendance, told The Post. "It feels very American in all ways, in all ways."

Norway does have a baseball league, Norsk Baseball-iga, but it hosts just six teams in a sport that is still growing in the Scandinavian country.

One fan said it took the group 15-20 minutes to learn the rules from one another before they began to understand what was going on.

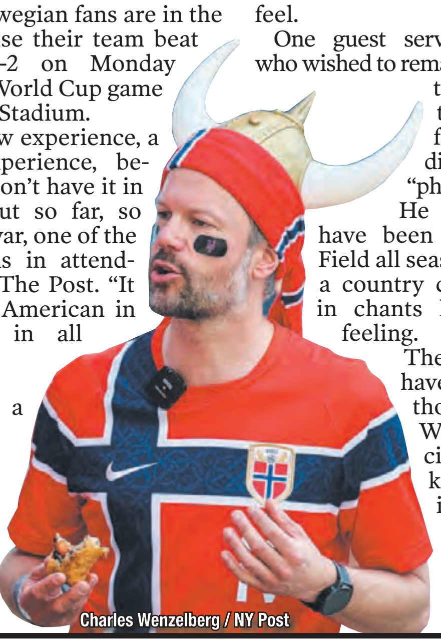
"It's a lot different than what's on TV," one said.

Once they drew the crowd's attention, they picked everyone up with a game that otherwise had a relaxed Wednesday afternoon feel.

One guest service employee, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Post the Norwegian fans are "just different" and "phenomenal."

He said the fans have been great at Citi Field all season, but seeing a country come together in chants has a special feeling.

The Norwegians have gone viral for those chants this World Cup, specifically the "Viking Ship" rowing chant they performed in Times Square and at MetLife Stadium.



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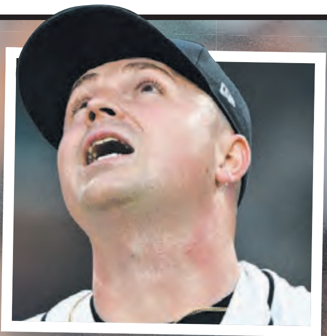

Yankees rough up back-to-back winner Skubal with three homers, 2 from Goldy

By GREG JOYCE

DETROIT — If Tarik Skubal is actually traded this summer, the Yankees would likely be on the long list of teams interested in his services.

To what extent, given their more pressing needs, remains to be seen.

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TIGERS	**2**	

But if the back-to-back AL Cy Young winner lands elsewhere, the Yankees will at least know they have a secret weapon against him, along with some recent history of success.

In Skubal's third start off the injured list, the Yankees did what no other team had done against him since 2021 — crush three home runs, including two from Paul Goldschmidt, on the way to a 4-2 win over the Tigers on Wednesday night at Comerica Park.

The Yankees (48-31) had only four hits in six innings against the Tigers lefty, but three of them left the park. After Skubal had struck out seven of the last nine Yankees into the sixth inning, Ben Rice singled before Jasson Domínguez followed with a two-run shot — his first from the right side this season — to break a 2-2 tie.

"Skubal is one of the best," Domínguez said. "He's definitely a tough matchup. But I was just trying to take a good at-bat. Trying to fight him, trying to battle. That was all that was in my mind."

Goldschmidt had provided the first two runs, including going deep to lead off the game, as the veteran first baseman finished the night 7-for-13 in his career against Skubal, with his four home runs tied for the most of anyone against him.

"Crazy," manager Aaron Boone said. "This deep in his career, he's just so tough on lefties and obviously he's had a good run against Tarik, who I thought was pretty great tonight. We ran into a few. Goldy got two and obviously a big one there by JD."

Ryan Weathers, meanwhile, outdueled Skubal in a showdown of lefties, giving up just two runs (one earned) across six innings as the Yankees secured the rubber game before flying to Boston for a four-game series against the Red Sox.

Camilo Doval, Fernando Cruz and David Bednar combined for three scoreless innings of relief to secure the win, as Bednar has now thrown 11 consecutive scoreless appearances.

Skubal, who could be the biggest prize on the trade market this summer if the Tigers (34-46) cannot fully dig themselves out of the hole they created over the first two months of the season, was dominant for most of Wednesday. The only two Yankees base runners entering the sixth inning were Goldschmidt's home runs, and then Skubal bested him in their third matchup by blowing a 100 mph fastball past him on the ninth pitch of the at-bat.

Asked how he was able to have so much success against Skubal in his career, Goldschmidt insisted, "I have no idea."

"There's not really a recipe to try to beat him," Goldschmidt said. "He's got four really good pitches, he competes as good as anyone. He got me that third at-bat. Just try to get in there and compete and hopefully good things happen."

That was the same approach for Domínguez, who had struck out in each of his first two at-bats against Skubal and then fell behind 0-2 in the third at-bat. Or as Boone put it: "He got dominated his first two, and even two strikes into the next at-bat."

But Domínguez fouled off three pitches while working the count full, and then on the eighth pitch, got a changeup down the middle and clobbered it to left field for a two-run blast that decided the game.

"He just keeps on competing, and as that at-bat unfolded, you saw him get on time a little bit, you saw him spoil a couple pitches, you saw him take a couple really good pitches, and then it looked like he got the hanging changeup and didn't miss it," Boone said. "Just a great finishing at-bat by JD after really struggling against him in the first two-plus."

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IT'S A GONER! Jasson Domínguez slugs a two-run home run to a break a tie and send back-to-back AL Cy Young winner Tarik Skubal (inset) looking to the sky in a 4-2 win over the Tigers. Getty Images; AP

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INJURY REPORT

- **Ryan McMahon** landed on the 10-day injured list Wednesday with a peritonsillar abscess that was causing him intense pain and migraines over the last few days.
- **Trent Grisham** (right hamstring strain) is expected to meet the Yankees at Fenway Park this weekend to go through full baseball activities.

ON DECK

at Red Sox

Thursday, 7:10 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Cam Schlittler

2026 stats:
8-3, 1.71 ERA

Career vs. BOS:
1-0, 1.32 ERA

Last start:
Friday vs. CIN
6.0 IP, 0 ER, 13 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

45%	27%	20%
4-Seamer	Cutter	Sinker

LHP Connelly Early

2026 stats:
6-5, 3.64 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
0-1, 5.06 ERA

Last start:
Saturday at SEA
6.0 IP, 1 ER, 7 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

36%	20%	19%
4-Seamer	Sinker	Changeup

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: at Red Sox,
7:10 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Will Warren
vs. LHP Payton Tolle

SATURDAY: at Red Sox,
1:10 p.m., ABC, WFAN
RHP Gerritt Cole
vs. Jake Bennett

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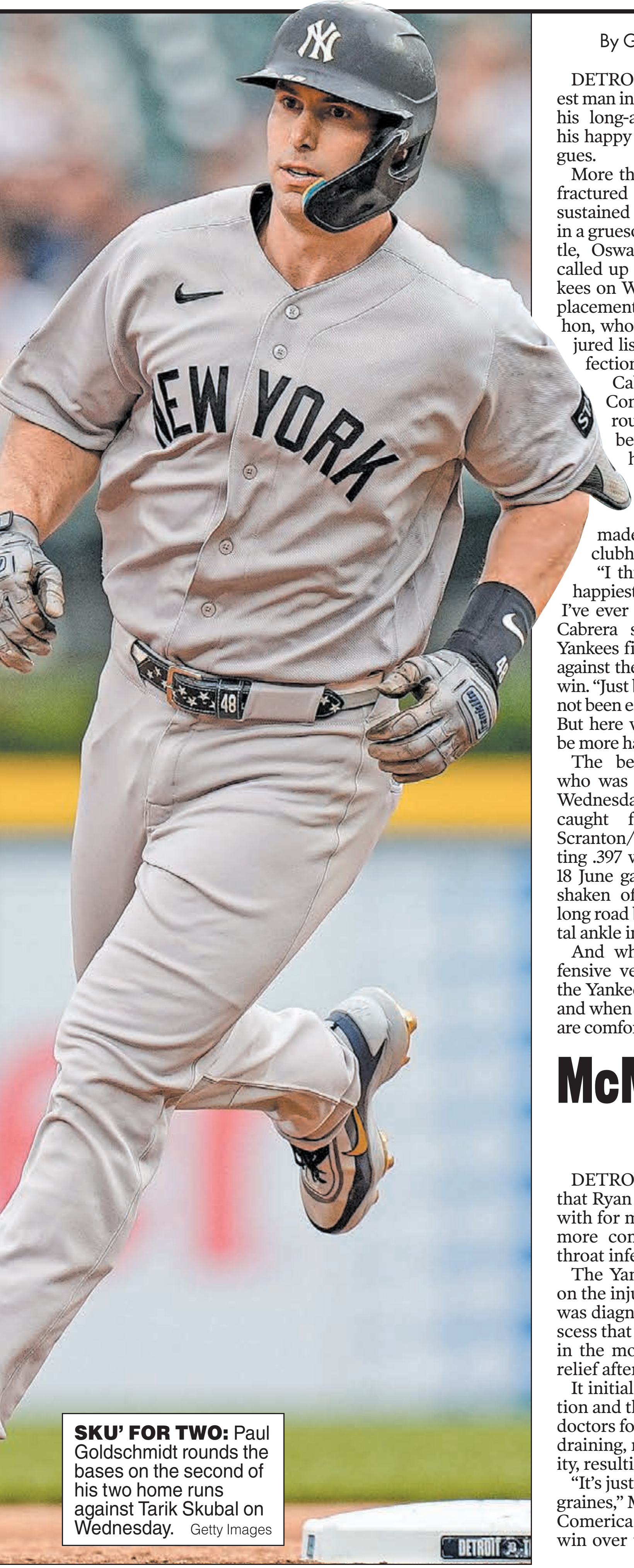


SKU' FOR TWO: Paul Goldschmidt rounds the bases on the second of his two home runs against Tarik Skubal on Wednesday. Getty Images

Upbeat Cabrera finally returns from ugly injury

By GREG JOYCE

DETROIT — The happiest man in baseball has made his long-awaited return to his happy place: the big leagues.

More than a year after he fractured his left ankle and sustained ligament damage in a gruesome scene in Seattle, Oswaldo Cabrera was called up to rejoin the Yankees on Wednesday as a replacement for Ryan McMahon, who landed on the injured list with a throat infection.

Cabrera arrived at Comerica Park roughly two hours before first pitch and had a receiving line of hugs from teammates and coaches as he made his way to the clubhouse.

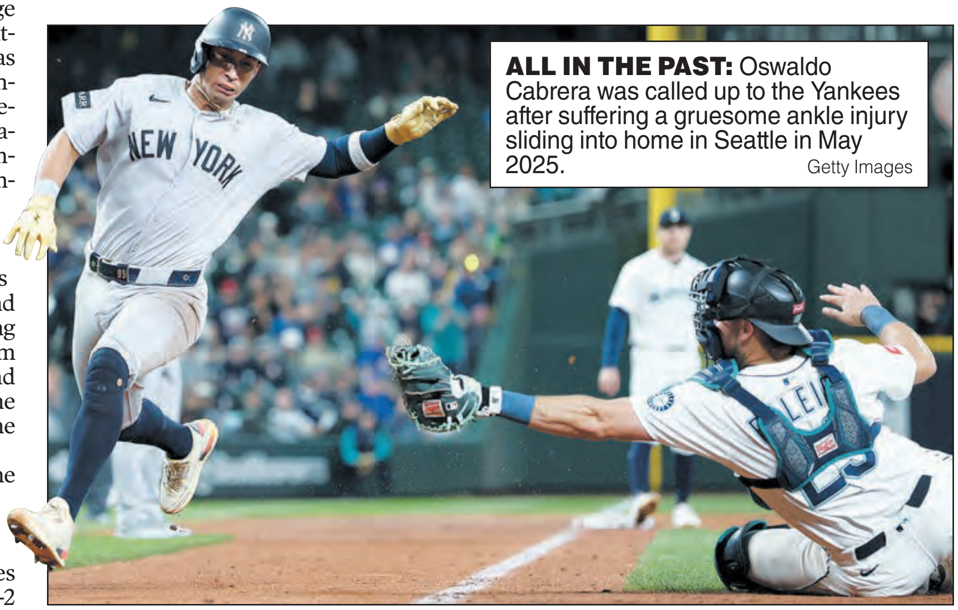
"I think it's one of the happiest moments that I've ever had in my life," Cabrera said before the Yankees finished off a series against the Tigers with a 4-2 win. "Just because I know it's not been easy, with the injury. But here we are, and I can't be more happy right now."

The beloved utilityman, who was not in the lineup Wednesday, had recently caught fire at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, batting .397 with a .967 OPS in 18 June games, having fully shaken off the rust of his long road back from the brutal ankle injury.

And while Cabrera's defensive versatility will give the Yankees options on how and when to use him — they are comfortable using him in all four infield positions and the corner outfield spots — the overriding sentiment was just an appreciation for having him back in their clubhouse given what he means to it.

"Oswaldo Cabrera, that's as good as it gets," manager Aaron Boone said. "What he brings every single day from a human being, teammate, friend, competitor, he's terrific.

"He lives his life with a certain joy that's infectious. He handled a rough time with grace and class."



ALL IN THE PAST: Oswaldo Cabrera was called up to the Yankees after suffering a gruesome ankle injury sliding into home in Seattle in May 2025. Getty Images

The awful ankle injury — which gutted the Yankees that night at T-Mobile Park last May, at least until Cabrera made them smile when they visited him in the hospital — cost Cabrera the rest of his 2025 season before he returned to exhibition action this spring. He was still getting back into a rhythm by the end of camp, when the Yankees (with a plethora of depth) optioned him to Triple-A.

But Cabrera said he just kept his head down after going to the minor leagues, knowing that it meant he still had more to work on, all while remaining his upbeat self.

"I mean, what else I can do?" he said. "I learned from [former Yankees minor league coach] Julio Mosquera, if you don't like the position you are in, do better. ... I wasn't thinking about 'When are they going to call me up, when are they going to need me up here?' Just trying to get better and work as much as I can to be ready in the moment they need me."

McMahon hit hard by 'peritonsillar abscess'

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES NOTES

DETROIT — It turns out the illness that Ryan McMahon has been dealing with for more than a week was a little more complicated than an ear and throat infection.

The Yankees third baseman landed on the injured list Wednesday after he was diagnosed with a peritonsillar abscess that he had to have drained early in the morning, providing him some relief after a brutal few days of pain.

It initially presented as an ear infection and then a throat infection before doctors found the abscess, which, after draining, required 72 hours of inactivity, resulting in his 10-day IL stint.

"It's just really painful, giving me migraines," McMahon said Wednesday at Comerica Park before the Yankees' 4-2 win over the Tigers. "I wasn't able to eat, couldn't really open my jaw much."

McMahon, who said he was not contagious, indicated he has been dealing with feeling sick since last Monday, but it was manageable until around Sunday. After the Yankees flew from New York to Detroit, McMahon said he was "grinding a little bit" by Monday, when the symptoms got worse.

"I actually feel so much better right now than I did the last 3-4 days," McMahon said. "But apparently there's a lot more risks involved now that there's an open wound in there. ... After these 72 hours, I should be able to do everything."

Because McMahon has not played since Sunday, the Yankees backdated the IL stint to Monday, meaning he is first eligible to be activated next Thursday. In the meantime, the Yankees called up Oswaldo Cabrera from Triple-A to fill his roster spot.

José Caballero started at third base in McMahon's absence Wednesday, but Boone said he expects Amed Rosario to factor in there too in the coming days as the Yankees are set to face three straight lefties against the Red Sox.

➤ **Max Schuemann** started in center field for just the third time in his career Wednesday and again found a way to have a hand in a Yankees win. He put together a highlight-reel bottom of the sixth inning, making a diving catch in the left-center field gap and then, on the next play, a sliding grab in the right-center field gap.

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3'S A CROWD

Johnnies flying high after trio of players make draft history

Zach Braziller

ONE by one, they fought back tears: Zuby Ejiofor, Dillon Mitchell and Bryce Hopkins.

This was on March 27, after a hard-fought, Sweet 16 loss to Duke inside Capital One Arena. The three friends weren't ready to say goodbye to what had been a memorable season. They were hurting and it showed. They didn't get their fairy-tale moment then.

As it turns out, they just had to wait a few more months.

It wasn't a Final Four or a national championship, but the St. John's frontcourt got to live out their dreams separately over two nights of the NBA draft, and in the process make more Red Storm history.

From Dallas to Houston to Chicago, they all were able to celebrate.

Tuesday night, Ejiofor — arguably the best Johnnie this century — snapped St. John's 14-year first-round drought. The Hawks took him 23rd overall. A night later, Mitchell (40th overall to the Celtics) and Hopkins (49th to the Nuggets) joined him, marking the first time in the modern draft that St. John's had three players selected in the same year.

"Three Johnnies in the NBA draft, for a chance to hear your name called, what a picture-perfect ending," Ejiofor told The Post before the draft.

Ejiofor was the mainstay, the three-year player, fan favorite and lone returning starter on this most recent team. Mitchell and Hopkins joined him last spring, forming one of the premier frontcourts in the country. They became close friends, communicating daily through the draft process. They all entered this draft with uncertainty, doubt about their ability at the next level. They used each other as a sounding board, leaning on the others.

Under Rick Pitino, St. John's has become relevant again, repeating as Big East regular season and postseason champions this past year. The rosters were almost completely different. Hopkins and Mitchell only spent one year in Queens, yet it was difficult to tell who cherished their time at St. John's more among the three forwards. Mitchell said on numerous occasions he wished he arrived at St. John's earlier in his career, before spending two years at Texas and one at Cincinnati. Like Mitchell, Hopkins went to two different schools before St. John's, Kentucky and Providence. The combo forward was coming off a major knee injury, and appeared in just three games the season before last. He found his game late in the year, and credited Pitino with his development and how well prepared he was for the draft process.

"Rick Pitino laid out the blueprint of what it would take. Zuby it took three years. Dillon and Bryce it took 10 months. Coach Pitino laid out a clear vision. Those guys followed the blueprint and they are very happy about where they are tonight," associate head coach Steve Masiello said in a phone interview.

Together, Ejiofor, Hopkins and Mitchell left their mark, despite being teammates for only one season. They continued St. John's on-court success, and took it a step forward, to the program's first Sweet 16 appearance in 27 years. This week, they added to it. The trio earned it. Mitchell opened eyes at the draft combine in May with his versatility, and Hopkins impressed at the G-League combine to get called up to the main one. All three players were drafted higher than initial projections, which says a lot about not only how they performed at workouts, but how well they came off in meetings with different teams. It wasn't just talk when Pitino said during the season, it was one of his most enjoyable groups to coach in his Hall of Fame career.

Let's not forget, during the combine all three spent time in the ear of top transfer Tounde Yessoufou of Baylor, who was considering St. John's. Yessoufou told The Post after pulling out of the draft and committing to the Red Storm, those talks played a factor in his decision. The three sold St. John's and the impact Pitino had on them as people and players.

"Usually when players leave it's either you're going to hear they didn't like it or they love it," Yessoufou said. "They were really, really happy out there."

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Credit Pitino for Storm's draft party

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Call it the Rick Pitino effect.

The NBA draft now matters for St. John's.

For the first time in the modern draft format, three Johnnies were selected. A day after Zuby Ejiofor ended St. John's 14-year drought without a first-round pick, going to the Hawks with the 23rd overall selection, Dillon Mitchell was taken 40th by the Celtics and Bryce Hopkins went 49th to the Nuggets. It was the first time that three Pitino players were drafted in the same year since his 1996 Kentucky team.

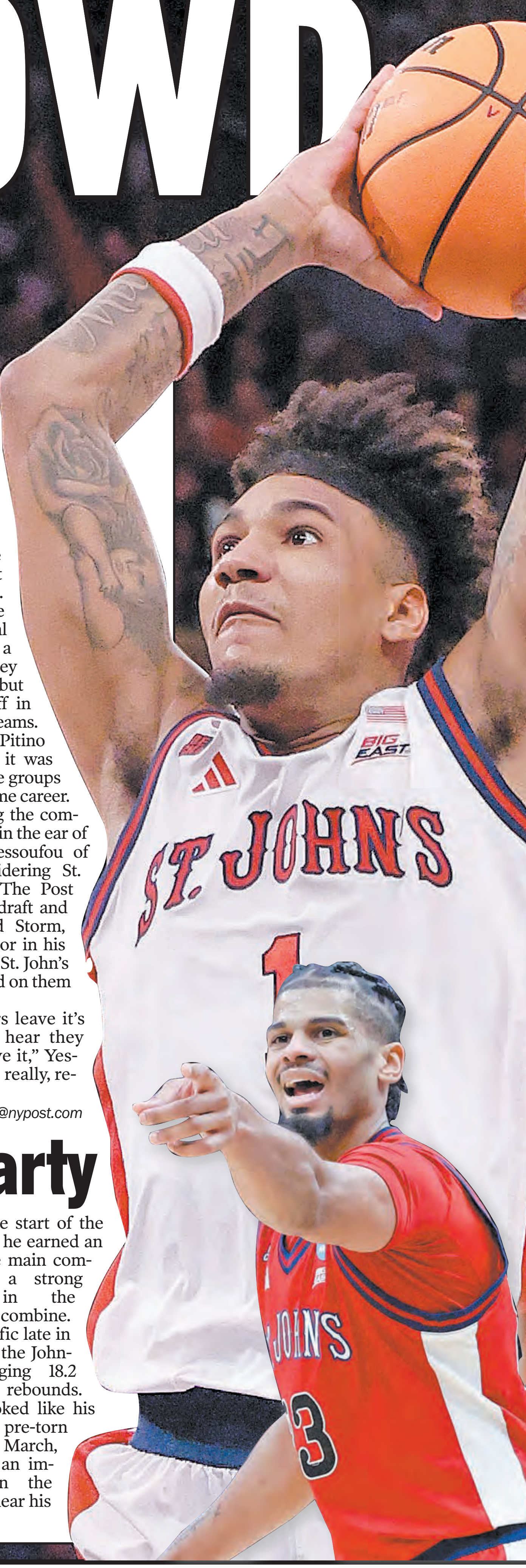
"Rick Pitino knows the secret sauce, and Rick Pitino prepares his guys better than anybody else in college basketball for the pros," associate head coach Steve Masiello said. "Those guys went in with the answer to the test. They knew to be in elite shape, their character as human beings is off the charts, their performance and workouts speaks for itself.

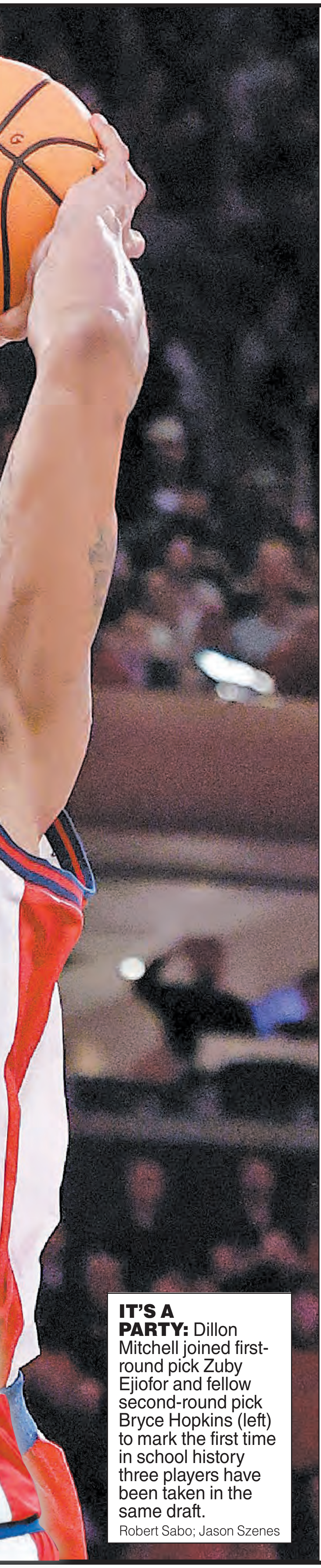
"Three young men believed in a vision and came here and did the work. It's a credit to their character and a credit to who they are."

The 6-foot-7 Mitchell is a gifted athlete and lockdown defender who played a major role in St. John's repeating as Big East regular-season and postseason champions. He was used at times as a point forward, which helped raise draft stock. Versatility is his strong suit, the ability to play multiple positions and guard just about every spot on the floor. The lone issue is he is a non-shooter.

In his one season at St. John's, he averaged 8.3 points, 7.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.3 steals.

The 6-6 Hopkins, meanwhile, was seen as a long shot to get picked at the start of the process. But he earned an invite to the main combine after a strong showing in the G-League combine. He was terrific late in the year for the Johnnies, averaging 18.2 points, 7.5 rebounds. Hopkins looked like his explosive pre-torn ALC self in March, and he left an impression on the Nuggets to hear his name called.





IT'S A PARTY: Dillon Mitchell joined first-round pick Zuby Ejiofor and fellow second-round pick Bryce Hopkins (left) to mark the first time in school history three players have been taken in the same draft.

Robert Sabo; Jason Szenes

Marks' Nets legacy might hinge on pick of Brown over Acuff

WAIT AND SEE: Time will tell whether Sean Marks' pick of Louisville's Mikel Brown Jr. (left) over offensive machine Darius Acuff Jr. of Arkansas was the right move.

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SEAN Marks' legacy may come down to betting on Brown.

The Nets have had a busy month of decisions, from the Julius Randle trade to Michael Porter Jr. extension to how to use the rest of their cap room. But down the road, whether Marks is still Brooklyn's GM or not, his legacy may well be remembered by the call he made Tuesday night.

Might well be choosing Mikel Brown Jr. over Darius Acuff Jr., just as The Post projected he would.

That's probably reductive. Technically, Marks picked Brown over not just Acuff but a litany of prospects — including Kingston Flemings and Brayden Burries, Nate Ament and Aday Mara. But realistically? Brown and Acuff are going to be linked because Marks drafted the Louisville freshman sixth overall, and Acuff came off the board one spot later to Sacramento.

"Watching him play, just how dynamic he is as a playmaker and scorer, the pace at which he plays. He's a cerebral player, has really great feel. It's just exciting to get a guy like that who has intangible skills as well. When you look at how athletic he is, the speed at which he can play, those things translate to our league," said Marks. "He really has a chip on his shoulder, really has something to prove."

Brown has to prove he can turn his highlights — as impressive as anybody's in this class — into consistency. He must show he can cut down his turnovers, hone his decision-making, fill out his lithe frame and stay healthy after prior back woes.

And tighten up his defense.

It's that last item that might have been the deciding factor.

Acuff is the most polished guard in a loaded draft, and is an offensive force. He's also horrific on the other end, might enter next season as the worst defender in the league and has looked lost while guarding. His 116.9 defensive rating is historically bad among lottery picks.

Asked why he picked Brown over Acuff, Marks deflected.

Brian Lewis

"Look, I don't know that I need to get into who we didn't draft and so forth," Marks said. "We've all talked about, and the media talked about, how good this draft was and how deep this draft is. You never quite know until 4 or 5 years down the road.

"I've said the things that stood out about Mikel, the high character, the competitive fire that he has, the physical skills he has, the ability to shoot from deep, the range that he has, play with his teammates, make quick decisions, his athletic ability. A lot of those things will definitely translate to our league. Those are definitely things that stood out, being able to play on and off the ball and his versatility."

Marks may or may not be proven right on Brown over Acuff. But he's definitely right on the tale not being told for four or five years.

Right now we're just in the prologue. But by then, the Big 3 era will be a decade in the rearview, a distant memory. Porter and Randle — both of whom can be free agents next summer — may each be gone. Meanwhile, these rookies will be entering their prime. And Marks' call will be either vindicated or vilified.

Coach Jordi Fernández and his staff got extensions in April, with no word on Marks receiving the same. Half a decade from now, the Nets' older players may be gone and their younger ones are less gifted than Brown. Or Acuff. That decision will loom large over whatever shape Brooklyn is in at that point.

An actualized Brown could look like a LaMelo Ball. And while watching Jalen Brunson lead the Knicks to a title gives hope to undersized guards, Acuff comparisons undersell two things: 1) Brunson's willingness to fight his limitations on that end, and 2) the Herculean difficulty of building a roster capable of protecting a non-defending point guard.

If during those four or five years, Acuff has an epiphany and starts guarding, his offensive ceiling is such that Marks may have made a mistake. But with how much Brooklyn (and Marks) has riding on this, he bet on Brown.

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Brooklyn adds shooter in 2nd round

By BRIAN LEWIS

The Nets added one of the best shooters in the draft Wednesday night when they took UCLA deadeye Tyler Bilodeau at 43rd overall.

The senior forward will join Brooklyn on a two-way deal, sources told The Post.

How much else Bilodeau can do besides shoot will likely determine what kind of playing time the 22-year-old gets.

After taking Mikel Brown Jr. and Joshua Jefferson in the first round Tuesday, Brooklyn tabbed Bilodeau in the second a night later. He averaged a team-high 17.6 points and 5.6 rebounds, but the skill set that got him to the league was his high-volume shooting, and he drilled a white-hot 46.4 percent from 3-point range on 5.4 attempts per game. He shot 51.8 percent overall and 87.3 percent from the foul line.

Bilodeau has solid lineage and length.

His father, Brent, was a first-round pick by the Montreal Canadiens in the NHL draft and had a decadelong pro career. His mother, Cass Bauer-Bilodeau, played in the WNBA.

As a two-way player, Bilodeau will likely bounce back and forth between Brooklyn and G-League affiliate Long Island.

The Nets will start Julius Randle and Michael Porter Jr. at the forward spots, just picked Jefferson in the first round and also have Noah Clowney, Danny Wolf and Josh Minott in the frontcourt. But Bilodeau does bring a rare combination of size and shooting.

Granted, at 22, he's one of the older players in the class and may have limited upside. But at least he's still trending in the right direction, shooting 30.0 percent from deep as a freshman, 34.5 percent as a sophomore and 40.0 percent as a junior before his final leap as a senior.

➤ The Nets and Dion Brown have agreed to an Exhibit-10 deal. Brown spent last season at St. Louis, averaging 11.3 points on 61.6 percent shooting and 5.4 boards.

Tyler Bilodeau

School: UCLA

Height: 6-foot-8 ½

2025-26 Stats: 17.6 points, 5.6 rebounds, 46.4 shooting from 3

What you should know: Not an uber athlete, but a super shooter. Bilodeau's 51.8/46.4/87.3 splits show how efficient he was this past season for UCLA. He profiles as a two-way player, but for a coach like Jordi Fernández, who leans so heavily into 3-point volume, that kind of stroke might earn the second-round pick some playing time.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

● Rose: Brown was right 'fit' for champs
● Prez says firing Thibs a 'tough' call

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By JARED SCHWARTZ

It's old news, but it's the first time Knicks president Leon Rose is explaining it.

There is little left to debate about the decision to fire Tom Thibodeau last year and hire Mike Brown — it resulted in a championship. Since Rose never talks to the media, though, he never spoke publicly about the move.

But he fulfilled a promise to Jalen Brunson and Josh Hart — that he'd go on their "Roommates Show" podcast if the Knicks won the championship. Rose was asked about the coaching change.

"It was tough," Rose said on the show. "Thibs is a great coach. Did so much for the organization. We were right on the doorstep. Just felt that, just needed a change in voice, a change in philosophy. It was a tough move. Mike is a guy that really fit what we were looking for. He's somebody that I've known for a long time. I represented LeBron [James] when he coached him in Cleveland. Knew him and kind of followed him through his career. Didn't know him that well, but he always was a guy that was a good guy, that you could talk to, that you really felt good about. That was just your gut.

"Then you go through the process, and you're looking for certain things. We had built out a criteria of certain things that were very important, we do research, and we brought in, I think it was five candidates, and really graded them in the different areas and things like that and made the decision that we made."

THE RIGHT VOICE: Leon Rose (above, right) said firing Tom Thibodeau (below) was not an easy decision, but he felt the Knicks needed a change in voice and philosophy — and Mike Brown's (right) openness and willingness to share ideas made him the perfect fit. Getty Images; Imagn Images; Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

One of the most important criteria was a coach who was collaborative — more so than Thibodeau.

That is something that stood out to Rose and the front office about Brown.

"First of all, just his openness and his willingness to share ideas," Rose said. "And share ideas with the front office, his staff and the inclusion of everyone. I think you guys probably saw that. He really was open to things, open to people's suggestions, open to ideas. I believe that's what led to some of the changes that were made throughout the season. We started out a certain way, he may have had an idea about how something was gonna work and how he wanted it to work, but he kind of evolved throughout the season, as did our team. I think that all went into the fact that we went into another gear in the playoffs."

It's rare to hear from Rose, so here are some other notable quotes from him:

- When he was asked about the large amounts of hate Mikal Bridges received, given his price tag and inconsistent play, Rose said: "Believe me, it bothered the heck out of me, because it had nothing to do with Mikal. It was the price I was willing to pay or we were willing to pay in order to get that deal done because of how important we thought it was to get that piece to solidify this group."
- On the criticism, at the time, of aggressively pursuing Brunson: "I got killed about Jalen, and now everyone thinks I'm a genius. It's about what we did in order to get you. Clearing space, at the time people thinking that it was so much money that we were paying you. … This was the first major move and I had all the conviction in the world. I've known him since he was born, I know what he's all about, I know what a winner he is, I know that I was willing to ride with him."
- On how being eliminated by the Pacers two years in a row shaped some of their strategy: "I think going through what we went through with Indiana, the full-court pressure wearing us down, injuries, even going back two years, but last year the way we saw that, and that was something we wanted to fortify and solidify."
- On the under-the-radar importance of acquiring Jose Alvarado midseason: "What went into getting Jose was [Guerschon] Yabusele had to give up his second year in order for us to make a deal with Chicago so we could get a player that had an expiring contract and then send that on to New Orleans in order to get him. So there were a lot of things that went into doing that. And that was huge, because we did need another ball handler, we needed another person that could put it on the floor and take some of the pressure off."

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No easy task avoiding 2nd apron, filling bench

THE KNICKS emerged from the draft with no first-rounders, a couple of mid second-rounders and, most importantly, the preservation of cap space.

That was the goal.

But the next steps, specifically how Leon Rose will fill out what he hopes to be a championship bench, remain murky.

And that's because of the luxury-tax implications associated with James Dolan's public stance of refusing to spend into the second apron.

On the surface, they face an unsolvable equation.

The Knicks have six more roster spots to fill and reside just $21 million under the second apron. If Jose Alvarado picks up his contract option this week, the Knicks will have just $16.5 million to sign five players.

Either way, that's certainly not enough to bring back Landry Shamet and Mitchell Robinson. It's possible neither is affordable under those constraints — even if the Knicks fill out the end of their bench with second-round rookies like their picks Wednesday, No. 39 Jack Kayil of Germany and No. 47 Tyler Nickel of Vanderbilt.

The main draw is they're cheap options under the CBA as either two-way players or second-round rookie exceptions. The Knicks even traded their No. 31 pick Wednesday presumably because such a high choice — even in the second round — would command a higher salary. It came on the heels of the Knicks trading out of the first round Wednesday because, you guessed it, the price of signing a first-round rookie would be too costly.

The Knicks shopped at the thrift store at the draft. But it's not going to be enough to keep Shamet and Robinson unless Dolan softens his stance on the second apron. Robinson earned $13 million last season and, as reported by The Post, is expected to draw interest in free agency from the Kings. Shamet earned $3.1 million but excelled last season and is in line for a big raise.

The math isn't mathing.

Stefan Bondy

"We're willing to stretch, but there's certain things in the NBA that you'd have to be suicidal to do. One of them is the second apron. Cannot go into the second apron," Dolan said recently on WFAN.

The owner left some wiggle room — "that's up to Leon" — but added what felt like a directive: "I'll write as big of a check as possible, but I can't write a check into the second apron."

So why does Dolan view the second apron as "suicidal?" Obviously there are heavy financial consequences. Each dollar spent is taxed at a higher rate if a team is above the second apron. It's a weird stance for an owner who burned through money and luxury taxes for much lesser teams.

But there may be other considerations. Operating in the second apron — which was introduced in the 2024 offseason — carries restrictions toward roster building. Beyond what's already restricted in the first apron, second-apron teams can't:

1. Use any portion of the mid-level exception.

2. Aggregate two or more player salaries in a trade.

3. Send out cash as part of a trade.

4. Acquire a player via trade by using a signed-and-traded player for salary-matching purposes.

5. Acquire a player via trade using a traded player exception if that TPE was generated by sending out a player via sign-and-trade.

Of these limitations, only the aggregation of players in a trade is a foreseeable hindrance for the Knicks next season. And since they're a championship contender as constructed, it's hard to justify skimping on the bench because they can't make a midseason multiplayer deal. It's also why people around the league believe Dolan will ultimately be convinced to spend into the second apron. The Knicks have no cap space, so the best way to improve the roster is to re-sign their players. They can't replace Shamet or Robinson if they leave. There's too much at stake inside New York's small championship window to bet on cheap options.

"TBD" was how one league source classified the Knicks' stance on the second apron.

Still, the Knicks operated at the draft like a team trying to save money. They traded their 24th pick for five future second-rounders, including one in 2033. Then they traded their 31st and 55th picks for the 39th and 53rd.

They have roughly $192 million committed next season to the starting lineup — which should be untouchable in trades. They have Miles McBride, Tyler Kolek and Pacôme Dadiet as reserves under contract. Mohamed Diawara agreed to a new deal. Alvarado will likely return. Ariel Hukporti could be had for a minimum contract.

But even after the Knicks passed on a first-round pick Tuesday, Robinson or Shamet won't return if the second-apron mandate remains in place.

Maybe neither. They would have to free up more space with trades (why break up a championship team?) or enter that supposedly "suicidal" second apron.

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Knicks make picks … finally!

By JARED SCHWARTZ

Eventually, the Knicks did it.

Eventually, they actually made and kept their picks.

They began the second round of the NBA draft Wednesday like they left off in the first round Tuesday — by trading. They started the night with the Nos. 31, 47 and 55 picks. But they sent Nos. 31 and 55 to the Rockets in exchange for Nos. 39 and 53 along with a future Kings second-rounder.

And then at No. 39, they drafted German youngster Jack Kayil. A 20-year-old, 6-foot-5 guard, Kayil played professionally for Alba Berlin in the German Bundesliga. He averaged 12.3 points and 3.5 assists per game on 40 percent shooting from the field and 34 percent shooting from 3-point range last season. Kayil won the Bundesliga's Best Young Player award and committed to Gonzaga before opting to stay in the draft.

He plans to join the Knicks, not go back to Germany as a stash option.

"Not really," Kayil said. "My plans are to stay here and get into the organization and keep going with them."

He thinks his experience overseas has helped his development.

"I think I already saw," Kayil said, "for a young guy, a lot of places and different things, different plays and different systems and I think it can help me in the future."

Then at No. 47, they selected Tyler Nickel, a big-time shooter out of Vanderbilt. A 6-foot-7 forward, he averaged 13.5 points and shot 40 percent from 3-point range as a senior last year.

Finally, at No. 53, the Knicks picked shot-blocking center Ugonna Onyenso out of Virginia — who could have been potential insurance with Mitchell Robinson's future uncertain — but quickly sent him to the Pistons for cash.

It is clear the Knicks, who have limited space to stay under the second apron, which owner James Dolan said they intend to do, did not want to pick in the first round and have to pay the salary that comes with the guaranteed contracts first-rounders get. And even though second-rounders are usually less expensive and don't automatically get guaranteed contracts, the Knicks opted against making a selection at the beginning of the round, which would have likely commanded a higher salary than they could afford to give.

But, eight and 16 picks later, Kayil and Nickel should command less money — at or closer to the rookie minimum — than anyone they would have selected at No. 31. They could even potentially be signed to two-way deals.

In total, the Knicks sent away three picks, kept two picks that should be economically friendly and added a handful of second-rounders for the future.

Jack Kayil

Played professionally at Alba Berlin in Germany

Height: 6-foot-5

2025-26 Stats: 12.4 points, 3.5 assists, 40% shooting from the field, 34% shooting from 3

What you should know: He won the Bundesliga's Best Young Player award and led Germany to a silver medal at the 2025 FIBA U19 World Cup. He has good size and a developing jump shot — and experience playing against professionals.

Tyler Nickel

School: Vanderbilt

Height: 6-foot-7

2025-26 Stats: 13.5 points, 3.3 rebounds, 44.5% shooting from the field, 40% shooting from 3

What you should know: A sharpshooter, he shot above 40 percent from deep his last two years of college and was one of the best 3-point threats in the nation. He primarily operates on the perimeter and does not possess great athleticism. A willing defender who has room to grow on that end.

STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

Just like during its first season, **"The Agency"** (Paramount+) should be more than what it is, given its cast and the contemplative style. It's not, but it's entertaining enough for fans of the espionage genre to watch while doing other things around the house. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

Paramount+

WHAT TO WATCH

"Sugar" — Apple TV's neo-noir detective series starring **Colin Farrell** (left) and one MEGA twist (IYKYK) — just made its highly-anticipated Season 2 return. John Sugar is back with a compelling new case, and this time around, he's helping local boxer Danny Moon (Jin Ha) search for his missing older brother Ji (Raymond Lee).

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

EMPATHY'S THE BEST MEDICINE

Fiona Dourif delivers understated excellence on 'The Pitt'

Left: Fiona Dourif on "The Pitt" Season 2. Below left: Dourif with Ken Kirby and Sofia Hasmik.

Warrick Page/MAX

By MEGHAN O'KEEFE

HBO Max's **"The Pitt"** is the textbook definition of elite. The show's first season swept last year's award season, taking home the Emmy, Golden Globe, Actor, and TCA awards for best drama series of the year (among many other great honors).

While "The Pitt" Season 3 went into production last week, all eyes are on where the cast and crew of "The Pitt" Season 2 might land during this summer's heated Emmy race. While experts already anticipate last year's winner Katherine LaNasa will once again earn a Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series nomination for her work playing head charge nurse Dana Evans, several of her exquisitely talented "Pitt" costars are also in that race. But perhaps no actor on "The Pitt" delivered such quietly sublime work on Season 2 than Fiona Dourif.

Fiona Dourif plays Dr. Cassie McKay, a middle-aged single mom who came to medicine later in life than most. We know from last season that McKay had a history of substance abuse, which she eventually overcame after the birth of her son. While her ankle monitor might finally be off in "The Pitt" Season 2, you can still always find her heart firmly affixed to her sleeve. McKay moves through the ED with a wellspring of empathy for her patients and uncanny insight into the turbulent moods of even her boss, Dr. Robby (Noah Wyle). DECIDER caught up with Fiona Dourif earlier this month, just days before she was due back on set for Season 3.

DECIDER: I think my first question for you is, there's been two seasons now and the fans are rabid for this show. Do you have a favorite fan reaction to this season?

FIONA DOURIF: Well, I'm really careful to not look too much online because I need to stay in this bubble. And also this character is so close to me, I feel very vulnerable around it. So I don't look online. But I would say a very cool aspect is the amount of medical professionals that come up to me and talk to me in real life. That's been very cool. And they've said their favorite thing is that they show their spouses what they do for a living and so there's kind of understanding. I remember somebody saying that in a panel once and I was like, "Meh, maybe." And then it's so real, but so many people say it to me. So that's very cool.

I want to ask about Season 2 Episode 11, specifically the scene where McKay takes Ogilvie into the park to treat Kiki. When I spoke to Lucas, the way he phrases it is that McKay has been "whispering empathy" into Ogilvie here. How did you see that sequence? And why did she tap Ogilvie for that job?

I think she wants to show him how intense emergency medicine can be. And then, "whispering empathy." I think that there's a thing about empathy and also most pro-social behavior that isn't intuitive, but is real, which is that it's this exercise and habit that you actually have to work towards. And that's everybody. I think that even that's true of Mother Teresa. I think that everybody has all of these different sides of them and habits, and you can be intentional and choose to have more social thoughts occur to you, even by what you're choosing to follow, and actions you're choosing to follow. So I think that she understands that about her own human nature and probably everybody else. And she is trying to nudge him down the correct lane.

This season, McKay had a chance to maybe meet up with a patient at a gallery after her shift, but chose the classic bed, bath, book instead. Would you like to see her potentially get a love interest in the third season?

I don't know if she didn't go on that date.

Oh?

Sorry. I know that you made that decision, but I don't know if I did.

So there's room to explore even that connection.

Yeah. I don't know if she didn't make it to that art gallery.

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TRENDING NOW

"The Magic School Bus" is coming to the big screen. The iconic '90s cartoon is getting a live-action remake, with **Elizabeth Banks** (left) set to star as the one and only Ms. Frizzle. Banks will be producing the film through her company, Brownstone Productions, alongside the book series' publisher Scholastic, Legendary Entertainment, and Marc Platt Productions.

WHAT'S NEW

ON ABC

"**CMA Fest**," hosted by **Riley Green** (left) and Lara Spencer.

ON NETFLIX

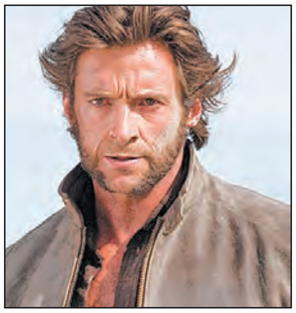
"**Avatar: The Last Airbender**," the second season.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

SPORT

2026 FIFA World Cup: 3:45 p.m. on WNYW 5. Germany at Ecuador from New York/New Jersey Stadium. Ecuador is still in search of its first goal.



ACTION

The Wolverine: 10:07 p.m. on FX. Hugh Jackman, Tao Okamoto. Wolverine is taken off guard when he encounters an enemy in a series of brutal fights.

DRAMA

Joker: 11:15 p.m. on TNT. Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro. Arthur Fleck, a party clown, decides to embrace the life of chaos in Gotham City.

Thursday June 25, 2026

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS   Movies 🟥   Sports 🟩   New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	First Marriage (R)	Ghosts: St. Hetty's Day	Matlock: Piece of My Heart (R)		Elsbeth: Good Grief (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Surviving Earth: When the Asteroid Fell		The Americas: The Andes Fun Fact Edition		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Psychopath (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup: Sweden at Japan from Dallas Stadium. Live.					FIFA World Cup Live.	(9:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup: United States at Turkey from Los Angeles Stadium. Live.				
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	CMA Fest: A spotlight on country music's biggest stars with memorable performances, exclusive collaborations and must-see surprises.						News	(11:35) Kimmel Live (R)
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Chicago P.D.: Last Minute Resistance (R)		WNBA Basketball: New York Liberty at Seattle Storm from Climate Pledge Arena. Live.			
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: The Busboy	The Big Bang Theory	Scrabble: Special Squares		Trivial Pursuit: Simply the Best		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Fatigues
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		My Music Presents: Magic Moments: The Best of 50s Pop					Lifecycle	Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Facing The Wind		NOVA: Ancient Desert (R)		The Kimberley:		Reel South		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Laura	Great Conversations		Food.	Potluck	Roots	Feet	Hospitality and Politics		My World	LBJ Library
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) FBI	FBI: Best Laid Plans		FBI: Family Affair		FBI: No One Left Behind		FBI: Consequences		FBI: Ring of Fire	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisi	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el		Guardián de mi Vida		Hermanas Un Amo		Noticias	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026: Netherlands vs Tunisia. Directo.					Mundial	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026: United States vs Turkey. Directo.				
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: Death Without		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)		After the First 48		Interrogation Raw		(10:01) Investigations		(11:04) The First 48 (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	(6:15) The Equalizer 2 (2018, Action) Denzel Washington. R ★★★					TNA iMPACT!				Gone in 60 Seconds ★★★	
BBCAM	71	101	189	Lost Boys R	Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray. PG ★★★½					Ghostbusters II (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray. PG ★★★				
BET	37	54	270	(6:40) Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud: NFLPA Legends			Booty Call (1997, Comedy) Jamie Foxx. R ★★					Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	(6:00) R.I.	Rhode Island (R)		Rhode Island (R)		Watch What	Next Gen NYC (R)		McBee Dynasty (R)		In City (R)
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	(9:20) The Office		The Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy
DISC	66	27	120	Chasers (R)	Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm (R)		Eye of Storm: Spin City		Eye of Storm (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	(5:30) Shallow Hal (2001, Comedy) ★★½			School of Rock (2003, Comedy) Jack Black. PG-13 ★★★					Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) ★★★½		
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	Athletes Unlimited Softball: Talons vs. Blaze Live.				Futbol Americas		WWE Night of Ch		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	29	35	74	Welcome	Fab Five				30 for 30: One and Not Done				NFL Live	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares	
FREE	38	49	199	Lilo (2002)	Toy Story (1995, Comedy) Tom Hanks. G ★★★½				(8:55) Toy Story 2 (1999, Comedy) Tom Hanks. G ★★★				The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	World Cup	2026 FIFA World Cup: Netherlands at Tunisia. Live.				FIFA World Cup Live.		2026 FIFA World Cup: Australia at Paraguay. Live.			
FX	10	40	53	(5:00) Avengers: Endgame (2019, Action) Robert Downey Jr. ★★★★					The Bear	The Bear	(10:07) The Wolverine (2013, Action) Hugh Jackman.			
HALL		191	240	(6:00) The Love Heist (2026, Romance)			Falling Together (2024, Romance) Ashley Williams.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Love It	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters International		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	Secrets (R)	Secrets Declassified (R)		Secrets Declassified (R)		Secrets Declassified		(10:03) Ancient Aliens		(11:05) Ancient Aliens (R)	
ID	23	171	123	See No	See No Evil		Web of Lies		Dead Influence		Lethally Blonde		The Playboy Murders	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Good Wives Club		NCIS: Vanished		NCIS: Lt. Jane Doe		NCIS: The Bone Yard		NCIS: Terminal Leave	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	Coaches	WC Boxing: Andre Berto vs. Lamont Peterson				Fight Sports: EFC 381 (R)		NHL Hockey Replay.			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(12:00) FanDuel Racing				Golf Life	NHL Hockey Replay.				NHL Hockey Replay.	
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Ridiculous	Jersey Shore: Family (R)		Jersey Shore: Family		Jersey Shore: Family		The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper. ★★★½			
NATGEO	65	162	121	MMedicine	Medicine: Queen Anne's		Medicine (R)		Medicine		(9:59) Strangest Things		Strangest Things (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Sonic the Hedgehog (2020, Adventure) Jim Carrey. PG ★★★					Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	Family	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Deliver Us from Eva (2003, Comedy) LL Cool J. R ★★½					First-Time
PARMT	36	56	54	Men in Black (1997, Science Fiction) Will Smith. ★★★½				Men in Black II (2002, Action) Tommy Lee Jones. ★★				Men in Black III (2012) Will Smith. ★★★		
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	(4:30) Harry Potter Sorcerer (2001) ★★★½			Van Helsing: Help Me		Van Helsing: Seen You		Van Helsing: Stay Inside		Harry Potter & Chamber	
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Foul Play	Foul Play
TCM	82	41	230	(6:15) Ride the Wild Surf (1964) Fabián.			Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968, Musical) Dick Van Dyke. G ★★★★					(10:45) Smokey and the Bandit (1977)		
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: The Last Resort		Little Singles		Little Singles		Baylen Out Loud (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(4:30) The Batman (2022, Crime) ★★★★			(8:15) Aquaman (2018, Action) Jason Momoa, Amber Heard. PG-13 ★★★						(11:15) Joker (2019) R ★★★½	
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	SVU: Lead	Law & Order: SVU		White House Down (2013, Action) Channing Tatum. PG-13 ★★½						White House Down ★★½	
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Johnson Family Vacation (2004) PG-13 ★½				Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins (2008) PG-13 ★★			
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: False Witness		NCIS: Ships in the Night		NCIS: Recruited		NCIS: Freedom		NCIS: A Man Walks	
YES	53	89	76	Pregame	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox from Fenway Park. Live.						Postgame	YanksExtra	Homegrown	Yankees
HBO	511	301	400	Last Week	House of the Dragon: Salt and Sea (R)			No Hard Feelings (2023) R ★★★			House of the Dragon: Salt and Sea (R)			Lurker R
MAX	531	371	420	The Terminator (1984) R		(7:44) Room (2015, Drama) Brie Larson. R ★★★½				(9:42) Bring Her Back (2025, Horror) Billy Barratt. R				Nerve ★★½
MGM Plus	595		395	(6:05) Road House (1989, Action) R ★★★			The Untouchables (1987, Crime) Kevin Costner. ★★★½				Hoodlum (1997, Crime) Laurence Fishburne. R ★★½			
PARSHO	551	321	365	Old Guy (2025, Action) Christoph Waltz.			(8:15) Fight or Flight (2025, Action) Katee Sackhoff. R				The Chi: Dead of Winter		The Corrupted (2020) ★★½	

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It goes from bad to Norse as Mets make 6 errors in Game 2 of sweep

Norway soccer fans had a blast as the Vikings faithful invaded Citi Field, but the Mets ship keeps sinking. Mark Vientos (inset) made two of the Mets' six errors in their 10-5 nightcap loss to the Cubs after a 10-3 loss in Game 1. **PAGES 54-55, 39**

PLUS: PETERSON DEALT TO CUBS

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VET SLUGGER ROCKS SKUBAL AS YANKS TOP CY WINNER

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